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TOWN BOARDS REORGANIZE

New Chairmen Elected at Meetings Held This Week. School Board Appoints Committee to Investigate Value of Manual Training.

The Board of Selectmen, Board of Public Works and School committee have re-organized at meetings held this week, the two former boards with new chairmen, Frank H. Hardy being chosen chairman of the Board of Selectmen and Philip H. Hardy, chairman of the Board of Public Works. Walter I. Morse, the new member, took his seat at the board.

The other officers chosen were William D. McIntyre, secretary and Arthur T. Boutwell, treasurer. Frank L. Cole was elected superintendent for his 20th year and George Dick appointed assistant superintendent.

The selectmen met Monday night after town meeting and re-organized for 1923. Frank H. Hardy, the new member, was sworn in and was chosen chairman of the board. Andrew McTernan was elected secretary and George A. Higgins clerk, being re-appointed to the offices which he held last year. No selectmen's appointments were made.

At a special meeting of the school committee on Tuesday night, in the board room, in the Pumphrey building, organization was effected for 1923. Roy H. Bradford was re-elected chairman and David R. Lawson secretary.

The chairman appointed the following committees: Finance and advisory, Roy H. Bradford, chairman; David R. Lawson, and Everett C. Hilton.

Teachers: W. Dudley Yates, chairman; Douglas Crawford, Mrs. E. V. French. Buildings and grounds: Dr. Edward C. Conroy, chairman; David R. Lawson, and Fred E. Cheever.

Chairman R. H. Bradford and Dr. E. C. Conroy were elected to act as a committee to petition the Legislature, as authorized, by the town meeting, for permission for the town to borrow beyond the debt limit for school-house purposes.

The following committee were appointed to investigate and report on the question of "The value of so-called Manual Training and allied subject courses in the public schools." Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, chairman, Douglas Crawford, and W. Dudley Yates.

Pythian Sisters Meeting

The regular meeting of Garfield circle, Pythian Sisters was held Wednesday evening in Garfield hall. Routine business was transacted following which a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments of hot dogs, coffee and cake were served by the good of the order committee, consisting of Miss Agnes Thin, Mrs. William Orr, Mrs. David Macdonald, Mrs. Fred Adams, Mrs. Fred Westcott, Mrs. Lily Ryder, Mrs. Douglas Hutcherson, Mrs. George York, James Souter and William Orr.

MISSIONARY RALLY

Women of Andover, North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence Hold All-Day Lenten Service

The fourth all-day missionary rally was held yesterday at the South church with a large attendance from all the Protestant churches of Andover as well as from those of North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence. The morning session opened at half past ten with Mrs. John V. Holt, chairman of the missionary committee of the Woman's Union of the South church presiding. The first hour was devoted to a conference of the churches on, "Steps in Missionary Progress."

Each one of the nine representatives from the Andover churches and Abbot academy made a definite contribution to the value of the conference. The speakers were as follows: Mrs. Henry C. Sanborn of the South church, "Developing the child in our midst," Mrs. Herbert T. Carter of the West church, "Doing good as we have opportunity," Miss Emily B. Tracy of Ballardvale, "Reaching forth unto those things which are before," Mrs. F. E. Newton of the Church of Christ in Phillips academy, "Keeping the faith," Mrs. Friwald of the Shawheen Community, "Laying foundation stones," Mrs. Mary S. Jackson of the Baptist church, "Making broad the highway," Mrs. Arthur Boutwell of Christ church, "Serving with gladness," Mrs. John C. Angus of the Free church, "Studying as a help to giving," Miss Mary E. Bancroft, "Extending student friendship."

The helpful possibilities of student summer service were interestingly presented by Miss Florence Sands who worked "Under western skies," by Miss Laura Townsend who served "While they picked cotton in Georgia," and by Miss Esther Kokkinen, a graduate of the Schaeffer Training School of Cleveland who is helping to make good citizens of "Our Finnish Neighbors" in Boston and its vicinity. A letter was read by Mrs. W. D. Walker, written by her daughter, Miss Helen Walker, who worked last summer for Dr. Grenfel at Mill Cove, Newfoundland.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Mabel S. Badger, secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary association. A hymn, "The Heavenly Voice," written by Miss Florence Cummings of the South church was sung at the conclusion of the service. The afternoon session opened with a song service followed by a Mendelssohn

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Mrs. John Alexander is ill at her home on Summer street.

John Driscoll is seriously ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Fred Collins on Summer street.

The Means Prize speaking will take place in the Phillips Academy chapel this evening, at 7:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Linton R. Newhall of Oakville, Conn., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John A. Collins, Bartlett street.

Mrs. Howard Bronson and son of Waterbury, Conn., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John A. Collins, Bartlett street.

There was no meeting of the Legion Tuesday evening as there were not enough members present to make a quorum.

Rev. G. Edgar Folk of Chestnut street, was the preacher at the United Presbyterian church, Lawrence, on Sunday morning.

Miss Ethel Manning and Miss Beatrice Buxton of the Massachusetts Homeopathic hospital were visitors at their homes on Monday.

Selectman Frank H. Hardy has gone to Atlantic City, N. J., where he will attend the convention of Brushmakers being held there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Hickok and family have moved from Wolcott avenue to the new house which they recently purchased on the Locke estate, Elm street.

Miss Edna Brown, librarian at the Memorial Hall Library, addressed the Alpha Phi Chi society of the Free church, Monday night, on "Reading." Refreshments were served.

The Andover Historical society is making plans for a most interesting meeting to be held Tuesday evening, April 3, at the November clubhouse. Watch for posters and further notices.

The body of Carl Maxwell, brother-in-law of Rev. Arthur S. Wheelock, has been recovered. Mr. Maxwell was killed by an avalanche in Colorado. Mr. Wheelock accompanied by his sister and family is returning to the East.

R. N. C. Barnes of Twin Cedar farm, who has recently been appointed a director of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers association, is at Amherst attending an important meeting of that organization, held in preparation for the New York fruit growers exhibition to be held next fall.

The Andover Masonic club will hold a tournament in whist, pool and billiards and already many members have entered. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Liberal handicaps will be allowed in the pool and billiard competitions. Entries must be made by Saturday night when the handicaps will be arranged.

The Smith and Dove Mfg. Co. has purchased two lots of land of approximately seven acres from the Peter D. Smith estate. The land borders on Shawheen road, part being on the south side near the old Wakefield land and part on the north side at the rear of Brechin terrace. The sale was made through W. H. Higgins' real estate agency.

St. Monica court, Catholic Daughters of America, held a food sale Thursday afternoon and evening in Crowley's furnishing store. The members of the committee in charge were: Mrs. William J. Doherty, Mrs. Frank Shiebler, Mrs. John F. O'Connell, Mrs. David Hartigan, Mrs. Symonds, Miss Helen Driscoll, Miss Loretta Flynn, Miss Bessie Grogan, Miss Julia Daley and Miss Mary Robinson.

The food sale by the ladies of the South church, for the benefit of Dr. Frank R. Shipman's school in Atlanta, is being held in J. H. Playdon's store this afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock. Those in charge are Mrs. J. H. Melledge, Mrs. Thaxter Eaton, Mrs. Joseph Lownd, Mrs. Frank Foster, Mrs. L. D. Pomerooy, Mrs. Sanford Leach, Mrs. Frank Kendall, Mrs. William Cheever, Mrs. Frank Cole, Miss Alice McTernan, Mrs. George Torrey, Mrs. Allison Morse, Mrs. George Frost, Mrs. C. J. Francis, Mrs. E. V. Bigelow, Mrs. George Hussey, Miss Harriet Carter and Miss Madeleine Hewes.

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LOCAL NEWS NOTES

Coming Events

Tonight
8.00 p.m. Phillips Academy Chapel. Means prize speaking.
8.00 p.m. Town Hall. "Irish Rebel" under auspices of Knights of Columbus.

Tuesday
8.00 p.m. Pumphrey Hall. Lecture on "The Music of Birds" by Arthur Edward Wilson.

Mrs. Caroline Phillips has moved from Morton street to her house on Wolcott avenue, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Hickok and family.

Mrs. John C. Bridgman of New York City, formerly Miss Ethel Comstock, daughter of the late Professor Edward Y. Comstock, at one time professor of Latin in Phillips academy, spent a few hours with Mrs. Matthew S. McCurdy, on Thursday of this week.

The Margaret Slattery class of the Free church will hold a public meeting in the church auditorium on Sunday afternoon, March 25, at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Julia G. Plummer, president of the Ingleside Home in Revere, for women and girls, will be the speaker. The public is cordially invited.

Word has been received of the death of Frank O'Neill, a former resident of this town, who has made his home in Paterson, N. J., for the last four years. He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Long) O'Neill, and several brothers and sisters. The news came as a great shock to his many friends in town.

The Women's Union will hold an all-day sewing meeting, Thursday, March 22, in preparation for their Easter sale, to be held April 6. A hot dish and coffee will be served at cost. Will all those who are planning to attend, and it is hoped that there may be many, please notify Miss Hewes or Mrs. Hussey, so that sufficient will be provided.

E. S. Jones, official photographer for the Boston and Maine railroad, will give his illustrated travel talk on "New Hampshire Mountains and Maine Woods," at the Ladies' night of the South church Men's club, to be held in the church vestry this evening at 7:45 o'clock. The talk will be illustrated with moving pictures and the church quartet will sing.

Retiring Selectman Presented With Roses

Walter S. Donald, the retiring chairman of the Board of Selectmen, was presented with a beautiful bouquet of Ophelia roses and a box of his favorite smokes by the town officials in the selectmen's office, in appreciation of their pleasant associations during the last eighteen years.

The presentation was made by Town Clerk George A. Higgins just before the board meeting held at the town house last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Donald was much affected by the gift and responded feelingly to Mr. Higgins' expressions of goodwill.

Notice

All those who are interested in the organization of a local branch of the League of Nations, non-partisan association, are asked to meet in the lower room of the town house Saturday, March 17 (to-morrow), at 7:30 p.m.

CHAS. E. ARBOTT
WM. C. CROWLEY
ALFRED E. STEARNS

LOCAL NEWS NOTES

In the series of talks on the Wagnerian

operas given on Wednesday afternoon, in the chapel of Phillips academy, the subject next week will be "Parsifal." Mrs. John C. Angus and Mr. Platteicher will play the principal motifs.

Sale of Oriental goods from China, suitable for hope-chest, Easter, or graduation gifts, including linens, post cards and jewelry, beginning March 22, and continuing until Easter, from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. Miss Ella Holt 22 Maple avenue, at the sign of the Chinese lantern.

Word has been received that it will be impossible for Peter MacQueen to fulfill his engagement to speak before the South church Men's club, on the evening of April 27. The secretary is pleased to announce that Collier, the cartoonist of The Boston Herald, has been secured for that date. This meeting will be observed as Ladies' night.

The 14th annual roll call of Clan Johnston will be held in Garfield hall tonight. Regular meeting will be held at 7 o'clock followed by the roll call at 8. Ignatius MacNulty, head of the department of labor of the American Woolen Co., will give an illustrated talk on "Scotland." There will be smokes and refreshments. Every clansman is urged to attend.

Local Man Accepts Position With Firm Standing High in Wool Trade

Vaughan Jealous, who for more than twenty years has been in the employ of the American Woolen company, as assistant wool buyer, and later as head buyer, has left that concern and is now associated with the firm of Francis Willey & Co., Inc. of Boston.

The firm with which Mr. Jealous is now connected does a general wool and top business, and stands extremely high among the merchants of the Boston wool trade. They are agents for Francis Willey & Co., Ltd., Bradford, England, probably about the largest wool operators in the world.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Finance Committee Recommendations Generally Followed. Shawheen Schoolhouse, Outfall Sewer, Trucks for Police and Fire Departments Approved

PRESENT THREE PLAYS

Phillips Academy Dramatic Club Entertains Enthusiastic Audience Last Friday Night

The bill of the Dramatic club consisted of three items, designated "a comedy," "a play" and "a satire," for the guidance, perhaps, of such playgoers as like to have their way prepared before them. The order of the representations was arranged with a skill that was not immediately apparent. Possibly it was not apparent at all, but it had a good deal to do with the satisfied temper in which the audience went home.

"The Medicine Show" by Stuart Walker is a characteristic product of the author and full of the verbal subtleties in which the proprietor of the Portmanteau Theatre takes delight. But most of all, it is a play of atmosphere and suggestion, in which also Stuart Walker revels. When this has been said, it must be added that the play, slight and inactive as it seemed, was by far the most difficult on the bill, and called for resources hardly to be looked for in amateur actors.

For the ever lurking giggle of the American audience when it doesn't understand, and wishes to show that what it hasn't caught onto is not only negligible, but is being met with deserved contempt—that the worst by no means happened to this comedy and its players, but the young men did not "get it over" to most of the audience, they felt queer, were sure that something in the way of enjoyment was provided that they were not getting, and saw the curtain go down with relief. And yet the comedy was remarkably well done.

The South Bank of the Ohio River, the noon of a summer day were well suggested by the three rustic figures of Lut'er, Giz and Dr. Stev'n Vandexter. J. Basham achieved a triumph in somehow holding the audience in expectation of something about to break the spell of his settled silence and sun-baked quiet.

The slow drawl of W. Brown's "Lut'ers" and the quiet of doubt which he and E. L. Gray indulged in over the proper

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The modified plan for an eight-room schoolhouse in Shawheen Village was accepted, a bond issue of \$230,000 for its construction being authorized, and the two sections of the Andover Sewer Loan bill were unanimously accepted without discussion by the voters of Andover assembled in annual town meeting on Monday afternoon.

A new motor ladder truck will be purchased for the fire department at an expense not exceeding \$10,000 and a combination truck and ambulance will be provided for the use of the police department at a cost of \$700. Appropriations were made to meet the bills due for the construction of Main street and the new town house as well as for a combination barn and garage.

In the interest of economy, the building of granolithic sidewalks was restricted to that part of Main street north of Chestnut street and the proposed appropriation was reduced from \$10,000 to \$3,000.

The appeal of William Trautshchke for extension of the water mains on Chandler road roused the sympathies of the voters in spite of the fact that the article was not supported by the Board of Public Works or the finance committee, and an appropriation of \$10,000 was made for the work.

The recommendations of the War Memorial committee embracing suggestions for town planning were not approved by the citizens. An amendment was accepted instructing the committee to prepare plans for a single memorial and report at a future meeting as to its type, site and cost.

Those articles involving important improvements and large sums of money were passed upon with comparatively little discussion while other matters were made the subject of heated debate, much of the speaking being quite beside the point and contributing little to the interest or enlightenment of the meeting.

A sum of \$333,000 must be raised to meet the appropriations plus the state and county taxes estimated at \$50,000. From this sum may be subtracted the amount received from the income tax. The sum appropriated is \$65,000 in excess of that of last year, but will doubtless result in an increased tax rate.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 1:30 by Moderator Alfred L. Ripley who

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QUARTER DAY

Next Wednesday, March 21

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TOWN MEETING

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announced the results of the election for town officers held on Monday, March 5. Under Article 2, "To elect all other officers not required by law to be elected by ballot," he appointed John C. Angus, trustee of the Cornell fund.

Article 3.—To determine what sums of money shall be appropriated for Almshouse Expenses, Relief Out of Almshouse, Aiding Mothers with Dependent Children, Board of Health, Brush Fires, Fire Department, Hay Scales, Highway Department, Insurance, Interest, Memorial Hall Library, Memorial Day, Post 99, G. A. R., Miscellaneous, Parks and Playgrounds, Police, Printing and Stationery, Election and Registration, Public Dump, Retirement of Veterans, Redemption of Water, Sewer, High School, Main Street, and Shawheen Bridge Bonds, Schools, Sewer Maintenance, Sewer Sinking Funds, Soldiers' Relief, Spring Grove Cemetery, State Aid, Street Lighting, Town Officers, Town House, Tree Wardens, Mox Department, Water Maintenance, Construction and Sinking Funds, Andover Post No. 8, American Legion, and other town charges and expenses.

Appropriation for almshouse. Voted, \$6600.00
Appropriation for relief out of almshouse. Voted, \$5000.00
Appropriation for aiding mothers with dependent children. Voted, 2500.00
Appropriation for Board of Health. Voted, 3600.00
Appropriation for brush fires. Voted, 1000.00
Appropriation for elections and registration. Voted, 600.00
Appropriation for Essex County Tuberculosis hospital. Voted, 2823.50
Appropriation for fire department. Voted, 24000.00
Appropriation for G. A. R. Voted, 100.00
Appropriation for hay scales. Voted, 125.00
Appropriations for highway recommended, Maintenance \$40000.00, New construction \$30000.00.

Thomas E. Rhodes: We have been obliged to change the sum asked for at this town meeting on account of the increase of expense for snow removal, from \$15,000 to \$18,000. Therefore instead of asking for \$40,000 for maintenance, we are asking \$45,000 taking \$5,000 off of what we were going to ask for new construction. Therefore I move that the sum of \$45,000 be appropriated for the maintenance of streets.

Moderator: Do you wish to include construction?

Mr. Rhodes: That is in a special vote. \$45,000 was voted for maintenance.

Moderator: \$30,000 is asked for new construction.

Mr. Rhodes: That should read \$35,000, to take care of taking off \$5,000 from our intended appropriation.

John C. Angus: To begin with, I want to state that Mr. Bodwell, chairman of the finance committee is ill and cannot be present here this afternoon, for which he is very sorry. The finance committee have examined carefully the situation in regard to the item of new construction for the highway department, and for the committee I beg to offer this amendment. The appropriation for new highway construction was \$30,000 originally, the board of public works asked for \$40,000 for this item, and the finance committee recommended \$30,000 and in recommending that \$30,000 we beg to point out to the voters these items in regard to highways and sidewalk appropriations in the town for the coming year. We have just appropriated \$45,000 for maintenance, we have got to appropriate \$20,000 to take care of the sinking funds for Main street, approximately \$4500 to take care of interest for Main street construction, \$15,000 to take care of overdraft for Main street, \$10,000 for new sidewalks. In addition to that we are to spend \$15,000 for the new road going through Shawheen Village, and plus those amounts the State will spend some \$50,000 in Shawheen Village. This runs, Mr. Moderator, into a sum approximating \$200,000 without the \$5,000 additional submitted by the highway department. This is a very substantial figure. So I offer an amendment: New construction \$30,000.

Mr. Rhodes: It seems to me that the finance committee are very inconsistent.

A man once applied to a millionaire for a job. He answered all the questions asked him in a satisfactory way but the millionaire wanted to find out more about him. He asked if he could live two weeks without a job. He said "yes." At the end of that time he asked if he could live two months without a job. He said he could. After two months he was asked if he could live six months if he couldn't get a job. He said he could, and the millionaire told him then that if he could manage his own money as well as that he could manage part of his. This police department aren't capable of taking care of the town and they are not capable of taking care of yours. You are more intelligent than I am. Are you going to allow this appropriation of \$15,200 to go over today? I am going to specialize on this item here today. It is up to you people to tell them where to stop, and I hope that you will see your way for the police department to be run more economically. I could do it, although I don't want the job. I am satisfied to work for a while longer. There is the situation. Now stand by this amendment here today and give the police \$11,000. If the present man can't run the department on that amount, then it is up to you honorable gentlemen to get a man that can.

Walter S. Donald: I want to explain why we have increased that amount. We have put on two extra police. The citizens have called for these extra police, one in Shawheen Village who works eight hours a day, a traffic man, and this extra appropriation is to cover another man in Shawheen Village, and if you gentlemen don't think they need another one I must tell you that the town is growing and we have got to have police protection to keep pace. You can't have it unless you pay for it.

They have become a party in suggesting additional work on the construction, and then go to work and cut down the cost of construction. They seem to be a party to intruding upon the function of the different departments. The idea of coming and suggesting additional work in addition to what we have proposed, and asking us to eliminate other stuff, and then going to work and cutting us down \$10,000. It seems to me that this is inconsistent. Now he has talked about \$15,000 over the amount appropriated last year, and of course that has nothing to do with the appropriation this year, as it is merely the unexpended balance to come over. Now \$15,000 cannot be spent on new construction because we will have to take some of that money for maintenance. We had to do it last year. It took \$8,000 off of construction which made last year \$38,000 for maintenance. So there is no danger that we can spend more than \$30,000 on reconstruction, when we asked for \$35,000, and that will give us a chance on the maintenance question. I hope we can get enough to do our work this year, which we did not last year. That is too small for a town like this. In their suggestion that they shall have certain other work done, they are representing other parts of the town which have just as much right to have their work done. It is not consistent of the finance committee to cut down the amount when they are one of a party to suggest additional work. Thirty thousand dollars voted for new construction.

Appropriation for interest. Voted, \$17500
Appropriation for insurance. Voted, 6000
John Traynor: I want to inform brother Donald that this is the last year that he will probably pay that \$6,000 across the way. Appropriation for library. Voted, 4000
Appropriation for Memorial Day. Voted, 550
Appropriation for miscellaneous. Voted, 1200
Appropriation for parks and playground. Voted, 1200
Appropriation for police department, \$14,500 is recommended.

Mr. Traynor: I would like to have an amendment to that amount for the police department. If you will look at your report you will agree with me that this should be \$11,000. Why not start the men at ten o'clock and let them work until seven o'clock. That would have your chief of force who will drive the car, and your chief of police study the dictionary once in a while instead of the Bible. I recommend \$11,000 and that is too much for the department who is now handling the money.

Frank McBride: I would like to know what the police department is going to stop at. I will not take you back before the war, but will begin in 1919 when the appropriation for the police department was \$6,200. It seems to be a habit to appropriate so much, and then overdraw about five or six hundred dollars, and then ask for five or six hundred more the following year. The appropriation for 1919 was \$6,200, and there was an overdraft contrary to the laws of Massachusetts, of \$611.70. In 1920 the appropriation was \$7,800 and there was an overdraft of \$873.10. In 1921, a year after we thought we had reached the peak of prices, the police department got \$9,000 and they spent \$9,681.29. In 1922 we got an appropriation of \$11,000 and they spent \$12,606.15. We thought the war was over. It is, but you keep allowing these prices to go on. This item of \$14,500 for the police department and \$700 for the truck gives you \$15,200. Don't forget, too, that you have got to get a man who will drive the truck. There is no member of the force who will drive the car. This police department will want \$20,000 before the next year is ended. We are asking for double the amount that we had when we thought we had reached the limit. Are you going to sit here and let it go on? It will be double for 1924, and doubled again. I will not take up your time on the smaller items, but on some of the larger items I am going to. We used to say, "If we looked out for the pennies the dollars would take care of themselves, and we ought to begin right now and cut down our appropriations. I make this statement, that I believe the police department has been very poorly handled. In connection with that I want to tell a story to show that the police department is not fit to handle this money.

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Appropriation for interest. Voted, \$17500
Appropriation for insurance. Voted, 6000
John Traynor: I want to inform brother Donald that this is the last year that he will probably pay that \$6,000 across the way. Appropriation for library. Voted, 4000
Appropriation for Memorial Day. Voted, 550
Appropriation for miscellaneous. Voted, 1200
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Mr. Traynor: If you will look at the salaries we pay the regular men that are now on the force is \$8,200 a year. Please don't confuse the town with the Shawheen stuff. It is a beautiful part of your town and you ought to be proud of it. I don't see why you should try to hide your birthplace. Look at the amount for special work, and \$113 for repairs. People know nothing about this kind of work. Why doesn't you just be a little more square.

Barnett Rogers: Is there one man or two down there in Shawheen?

Mr. Donald: There is one and the traffic man. The motorcycle man has been putting his time in between to help the children get to school. It is worse than Shuman's corner down there some parts of the day.

Mr. Angus: The recommendation of the finance committee on this item was based on a statement as presented to us by the selectmen, as follows:

Salaries for five men (\$1,650 each) 7800
Two weeks vacation for each man 360
Two days off in 30 548
Two Ballardvale officers 134
Upkeep of motor cycle for 12 months 216
Auto hire 400
(And in connection with that item we would point out that in the event the truck is bought this item will not be required)
Telephone \$115
Special Officers 800
For equipment and repairs which include two coats 300
Miscellaneous 210
One new officer full time 1690

The amendment was defeated and an appropriation of \$14,500 was voted.

Appropriation for printing and stationery. Voted, 2000
Appropriation for public dump. Voted, 75
Appropriation for retirement of veterans. Voted, 300
Appropriation for retirement of bonds (Main street, sewer, high school, Shawheen bridge). Voted, 35,500
Appropriation for schools, \$111,883 recommended.

George B. Frost: May I ask the school committee if they will kindly indicate for what they ask that \$8,000 extra?

Moderator: It appears in the report of the finance committee as printed that this is an increase for teaching in Shawheen Village.

Mr. Frost: That would provide for four or five teachers in Shawheen Village. As I understand it, that number of teachers will not be required for some years hence. I would like to know if a part of that money is to be paid for an assistant teacher in our school.

Roy H. Bradford: The school department does not ask for an increase in appropriation for anything but 1923. Two of these teachers have already been hired and are working, and we expect to hire about two more. We have asked for a slight increase in the appropriation for fuel and a slight increase in the miscellaneous.

Mr. Frost: What I wanted to know, sir, is one of these teachers to be the second teacher in our school?

Mr. Bradford: No, sir.

Mr. Frost: Would four teachers consume eight thousand and some odd dollars?

Mr. Bradford: No.

Mr. Frost: And would you tell me what use is to be made of the surplus?

Mr. Bradford: The increase over last year's appropriation for teachers' salaries is about \$500. There is also about \$1200 for text books and supplies, and we are asking for \$500 more for coal, and \$2,000 more in the miscellaneous fund. That \$2,000 we expect will help us take care of any hire of halls in Shawheen Village, or possibly it will help in the expenses incident to any new rooms we may have to open in the village down there.

Mr. Frost: I have been in Andover for sixteen years and I have watched the increase of expenses year by year of our schools, and I have never known one individual to question them. I have been two years on the finance committee, and to my knowledge no one ever questioned the cost of maintaining our schools. I am sure that the schools of Andover are the apple of the eye. We have the best schools in Andover, and the best teachers for Andover, and they must be a little better and of a higher standard than any other town in our Commonwealth. I believe in this from the bottom of my heart, but I think it will be well, in view of an article that appeared without signature in our last Townsman, to know just how this town is going in the matter of school questions.

It is since 1919 that this marvelous development in Shawheen has taken place, adding to the total valuation of Andover nearly one half of the money that has been accumulated in personal and real estate in the 27 years since the Indians prowled around with their tomahawks over the hills of Andover. It is a wonderful increase in valuation; I don't think it can be matched. In view of that tremendous income there was \$54,000 that Mr. Wood and the American Woolen Company paid into our town treasury over and above what it was the year before, and over and above its normal tax. What did Andover do? It sent back to Shawheen in actual taxes between five and six thousand dollars. That is every cent that was given back into Shawheen. The town of Andover took \$19,000 surplus that came from there, whereas its total surplus in new buildings, new garages, new henhouses and pigsties and everything that can be taxed by our assessors amounted to the enormous sum of \$2,000. Over and against that, Mr. Wood and that company paid \$49,000. What happened? There was added to the town of Andover in valuation 49% and the expenses of our schools ran up 86%. Beside that we ran in debt, and that was not enough. And without laying out one penny we jacked up our taxes \$1.50 per thousand this year with \$100,000 coming in, in taxes in Shawheen which will not occur again in a generation perhaps. Even this year we cannot make our income and our expenses look each other in the eye. I claim, my fellow citizens, there is something fundamentally wrong in our town politics when it matters not how much the income may have increased, the school expense goes up, the police expense goes up, the fire department expense goes up. In 1919, to build our highway, cost us \$63,977. In 1923 they cost us \$95,000. That is an increase of \$31,000 or 48%. Our street lighting cost us in 1919 \$6,357. Now it costs \$10,000 or an increase of 57%. Mark you, our income this year will be \$5,000 instead of \$2,000 as it was last year. This amount of \$5,000 means all the income that comes from our building material here in Andover. Add that to \$59,000 that we have down at Shawheen within the last year, and you notice we have 54% income, but our street lighting has been 57% more. Our school has been 88% and our highways 48%; fire department 98%; poor department has been only 19%; police has been 114%; care of trees 88%; and so on. Now when you have \$50,000 coming in and you spent \$80,000 what happens? What has happened for the last ten years? Year by year we have consumed every dollar that has come in, and in addition we have run behind \$40,000 every year, deeper into debt. There has been any

increase of 37% in debt since 1919 and we have jacked up our tax rate \$5.00 per thousand. The time has come when if there is any way to economize in our schools, police and fire departments, without being mean, without being actually stingy, we must do it. Let us cut out everything that it is possible to cut down this year, and see if we cannot have our income and expenses match each other.

Mr. Bradford: I would like to call the attention of the town to the fact that we have 123 more pupils in the schools than last year. Now it is necessary to employ more teachers to take care of those pupils. Four teachers at \$1400 will cost \$5600 and it is absolutely necessary that we have that money to continue to employ those teachers and take care of those children. We have not looked very far into the future except to add \$2,000 to the miscellaneous fund. In regard to fuel, in 1922 we were very fortunate to have a contract for fuel so that we got our coal for \$3.75 a ton. If it were not for that we would have had to overdraw or cut down in some department or other as fuel is high and hard to get. It seems to me that the school department

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has been figuring very closely. In 1922 there was a balance of \$3.42, and I do not see how we can possibly get along with less money unless we make some change in salaries. This increase does not contemplate any increase in salaries except the usual increase for teachers who are brought forward to the maximum as they stay with us from year to year.

Mr. Frost: It may surprise many people when they learn there are a hundred more scholars in the schools, but if you will look at the report of the superintendent of schools in 1917, five years ago, you will find that there were more scholars in the total enrollment then there are today. Five years ago there were 1337 pupils in our total enrollment, and today the enrollment is 1330 so that is camouflage to me. Our parochial school has taken care of a large number of pupils, and sometimes I think, and I am willing it shall go on public record, that they have it all over us in the matter of economy and efficiency. Any man who sends his child to the high school, if he possibly can, will scrape up \$100 more and put him in Phillips or Abbot. While it may seem that there were more children this year than last year, yet our expenses in 1917 were so much less than today that to put this forward as an evidence that we need more money does not seem to me to be fair. I wish the time might come when we could cut out carpentering, cooking and sewing in our schools. I was in a home here in Andover where the father could well afford to send his child to the finest school in the world. The boy came in with a toy table that he had made, and the father had a more dramatic thrill from seeing that piece of work than he would if his boy had mastered the hardest problem in algebra or geometry. I have in my pocket some reports regarding various towns that I cut out last week, and there is one which said they needed \$50,000 for a high school. They wouldn't need it if they would cut out sewing and cooking and those things that they could go home and learn to do. I heard a man ask his child "What have you learned today?" And the reply was, "Why, papa, I learned to sew on a button." I have a list in my hand from Belmont, and they have added all we have added plus, and now the latest thing that comes before the town is the purchase of instruments for a full orchestra, and the town is going to buy them. They call this stuff pre-vocational training, and it adds more and more expense to our school buildings, expense to our salaries, all coming from the addition repeatedly coming here year after year of some new fad or freak. I think it is high time that we are saving. I would like to ask one very personal

question, and the gentleman may answer it or not, and that is if the school committee themselves are agreed in this matter.

Edward G. Conroy: We are agreed in whatever is along the line of our conception of the best school.

Mr. Traynor: I wish to bring up one thing that the member of the school board said and that was that he did not anticipate any raise in pay for the school teachers. We would have better schools, better attention, more obedience to law and more obedience to ourselves, and yet we are asking our teachers not to ask for any raise in wages because we won't give them any. Give us your best, we say to them, and we will give you nothing. We in Andover have a better class of ladies and gentlemen teaching than in any part of the world. If we would take more interest in our teachers, and get more wages for them, we would find that our children had more obedience.

Dr. Conroy: In reply to the gentleman who asked me the question I will say that the school committee is the servant of the public. We hold no divine rights as to what to do or what not to do, but are simply to give the best that is in us. So far as I am concerned, and I think I voice the feelings of the members of the school committee, we are in favor of no fads and fancies that are not requested by the voters of the town of Andover. You are the judges to tell us what to do, and you should tell us whether or not you are in favor of these things, and then we will go in accordance with your instructions.

Mr. Frost: Does he personally as one of the committee believe in sloyd and cooking and sewing being taught in our schools? Moderator: The chair does not conceive that there is any obligation on the gentleman to answer that question. I have no objection if he wants to do it.

Richard W. Dwyer: Usually the increase in the number of children in our schools comes in the lower grades, and it seems to me it is more a matter of re-arranging these scholars than anything else. It would not be a hardship on any one of our teachers to increase the attendance in each grade a few more. I came from the West where we have schools from the kindergarten up, and one teacher is taking care of 65 scholars. He was busy from nine o'clock in the morning until four, and we got education out of it. Every teacher here ought to be able to take care of a few more in each room, especially when they have only one grade to teach. Our expenses are growing big enough. I stand with the previous speaker that the wages paid are meagre, altogether too small. If you want to get good service you have got to give a good return for what you get, but on the other hand you must try to get what you are paying for.



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The Family Shoe Store

Mr. Rhodes: I don't think the school committee is asking for any more money than what is required for our school department. I think they are men in which we can trust to ask for only what we need. Of course I have had some experience on the school committee, and at that time our appropriation was around \$50,000. Since that time things have changed considerably and measuring from that point I don't think that our school committee is asking for any more money than they should. At that time our teachers were very much underpaid, and I doubt if today our school teachers get as much money as a weaver does in a cotton mill. I was an advocate of increasing teachers' salaries, for I have had some experience in manufacturing and I know what they get there. The small wages our teachers were getting was a disgrace, some of them \$700 and \$800 at the most. I say that it is impossible to be extravagant on \$114,000, even though that is high in comparison to what we had when I was on the school committee. I believe our school committee is not asking for any more than what is required to function, and I doubt whether our teachers get enough to do it. I hope this amendment will prevail.

Alfred E. Stearns: This amount which is asked for is being very carefully gone over by the entire committee with reference to the needs of today and increases in salary which were made since the time to which Mr. Frost refers when expenses were lower. These increases were made all over the country when it was impossible to hold or secure teachers unless more money was paid. I do not see how it is possible to maintain the present standard and go below this estimate at all. Mr. Frost has touched on another question which ought not to be tied up with this. My own feeling is well known to the committee and to others, for I have spoken and written about it for many years. As to what is called the fads and frills and fancies, there is a wide difference of opinion as to the wisdom of many of these so-called frills and the expenses they involve. I have felt that there was a growing undercurrent of opposition which was inviting discussion and now, very recently, outward expression among some of the leaders of our educational authorities in the country. In the Carnegie Foundation, Mr. Prichard has made a report in regard to the questionable value of so many of these additions. His statement is exactly in line with a feeling which I have had for a good many years. The public school committee is largely a servant of the town and it is our children that we are providing for. If the town wants that sort of thing, and all the towns throughout the country with very few exceptions have stood for it in late years, we want to give you what you are asking for, but of course it is a question whether that sort of thing, as recommended by all of our State boards of education, is wise or not, it seems to me to involve a very much larger question and one which ought to be studied by a carefully selected committee, or the town at large, before another year comes around. It ought not to be mixed up with this question.

With regard to the Shawheen school the committee were willing to curtail so far as they reasonably could and make provision for this sort of work, but it is not a question to be settled in a meeting like this. It is a question which we ought to think over carefully and make a decision that we could be proud of in ten or fifteen years hence. I don't think it ought to be brought into this matter of the appropriation, which is what the schools are planning for the coming year. The appropriation of \$111,883 was voted.

Appropriation for sewer department Voted, \$4000
Appropriation for soldiers relief Voted, 1500
Appropriation for military aid Voted, 200
Appropriation for Spring Grove cemetery \$5200 recommended.

Mr. Traynor: I am here to speak for some of these people who are interested. We go to the curve and we see young fellows from the back of their heads, so drunk that they are not able to get home, and this is right under the shadow of the police department. I have seen a man standing right there, holding up a bottle and having a laugh with the crowd around him, and the police department is all unconscious of it. Why can't the officers of the law see these things? If this truck was for the purpose of bringing the trucks in, I would like to ask the chairman of the board of selectmen how many times it was necessary to hire an ambulance for the purpose of taking wounded to the hospital since the last town meeting?

Mr. Donald: That is something I could not answer because I am not there at those times, but you can see by the item for auto hire what it cost.

Mr. McBride: We haven't used a truck more than five or six times and I don't see any excuse for that \$556 item for taxis. I stood here very patiently and listened to Mr.

The appropriation of \$5200 was voted.

Appropriation for state aid. Voted, \$ 600

Appropriation for street lighting. Voted, 10000

Appropriation for town officers. Voted, 10400

Appropriation for town house. Voted, 3000

Appropriation for tree warden and moth work. Voted, 15000

Appropriation for water department. Voted, 37000

Appropriation for water department, service pipe. Voted, 2500

Appropriation for Andover Post No. 8, American Legion. Voted, 900

Bartlett H. Hayes: I think we all want to thank the citizens of the town of Andover for the money they have appropriated for this cause. We are very glad to turn back over \$600. The Post deeply appreciates the aid that the town is giving them in giving the quarters. We hope for new quarters later on. Whereas we don't expect to spend any more money than last year, yet we like to feel that we have your support.

Article 4.—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$6000.00 to pay unpaid bills contracted by the Almshouse Building Committee, and to build a combination barn and garage, on petition of the Selectmen.

Mr. Donald: I make a motion to raise the sum of \$6500 for this unpaid bill and to build a combination barn and garage.

Mr. Angus: When this matter was brought before the finance committee it was gone over very carefully with the Selectmen, and they asked for the sum of \$6,000, which the finance committee unanimously recommended. I wonder if the Selectmen are not willing to explain to the voters the increase over the amount recommended by the finance committee.

Mr. Donald: Since we have reported to the finance committee we find that we owed \$3,211; that leaves a balance of \$3,289 to finish up the grading and build the barn and garage, providing you vote to give us \$6,500. These are the final figures.

Mr. Rogers: I would like to inquire who is going to use the garage.

Mr. Donald: The superintendent.

Mr. Rogers: But he tells me that he doesn't need a garage; he has one.

Moderator: He will have to speak for himself.

Mr. Swanton: I have got a garage of my own, but I am not superintendent, but only an inmate. My garage is a half a mile away. In the first place, we need a cellar where we can keep vegetables. If we don't have a cold cellar, we have got to buy our vegetables in small quantities and that is expensive. You are talking about building you can put one in, and you can keep a cow so that you can make the milk cost you a trifle less than 7 cents a quart. If you buy the milk, you will pay nearly 12 cents a quart. They also need some place to dry clothes. It must be done or else the women cannot do the work. Referring again to the garage, I have a car (most everybody has these days) and I have got to have some place to put it. It is true I own one, but I don't want to drive it to work where I have to walk over a half a mile to get my car, and that is why we need it in connection with these other things.

An appropriation of \$6500 was voted.

Article 5.—To see if the Town will vote to purchase a combination truck and ambulance for the use of the Police Department and appropriate the sum of \$7000.00 for the same, on petition of the Selectmen.

Mr. McBride: I would like to have the article read.

Mr. Traynor: I second the motion.

The motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers: I move that the sum be appropriated. I think myself that in view of what the automobile hire cost (\$556 last year and \$472 the year before) if we can get a truck for \$600 or \$700, why not do it? You don't need to hire a man to drive it. Take the patrolmen and make them run the truck. I move that \$700 be appropriated.

Mr. Traynor: I have heard about this ambulance that we are going to buy and I am curious to know what you can buy for \$700. I am out looking for a machine myself and I would like to know where I can get one for \$700. It will be an attendant to run it, which means about \$15,000 a year before you get through. Please bear in mind that this is no joke, and I want this man to tell me what he can purchase for \$700. I think it would be a grand idea for all of us to know what you can buy for this sum.

Mr. Rogers: I think if my friend will go to the Musgrave building he will see the truck there.

Mr. Traynor: I thank you for the information but I was wondering if you any of you men out on the River road ever see the policemen except when he goes out to get the air. You go to that and George Higgins and ask him for this and that and they plan these things for you people to pay for. It is something wicked.

Mr. McBride: Far be it from me to go into this without giving my reasons, and when I offered the motion to strike the article from the warrant I didn't do it without giving the thing twelve months' consideration. I stood up here last year along with John N. Cole, and I spoke up for a tax for five or six months ago that it would cost \$2,000 to maintain and operate this truck for the police department. The only thing in their argument is the fact that there was a bill for \$556 for taxi service for the police department, but don't forget the fact that it is very easy to run up a bill of \$556 for taxis. You don't get a taxi for five or six months and if you only rode now and then you could soon pay \$60 a year. If economy was used it should not exceed this amount. Now we will go back to the time when we thought we had reached the peak in prices. The automobile hire for taxis and trucks in 1919 was \$167.25. In 1920, the year we reached the peak, was \$226. In 1921, it rose to \$472, and last year it was \$556. They argue that it would be very useful for bringing in stills. Now suppose you are to purchase this truck for bringing in stills; let me tell you fellow citizens not one still has been brought into the town house since this truck was asked for, and there were only four men arrested last year for violations to the statute. In spite of this we are seeing fellows from the back of their heads, so drunk that they are not able to get home, and this is right under the shadow of the police department. I have seen a man standing right there, holding up a bottle and having a laugh with the crowd around him, and the police department is all unconscious of it. Why can't the officers of the law see these things? If this truck was for the purpose of bringing the trucks in, I would like to ask the chairman of the board of selectmen how many times it was necessary to hire an ambulance for the purpose of taking wounded to the hospital since the last town meeting?

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Angus and I listened for a little light on that, but I didn't get it. If \$216 was spent for expenses of operating a motorcycle about six months, a little thing that travels along on two small tires, what will it cost to operate a truck?

Mr. Angus: I think I could explain that. Mr. McBride is quite misinformed. The figures are estimates for next year, and represent 12 months at \$18 a month.

Mr. McBride: I don't think it will be used 12 months in the year. Why can't we get along without it if we got along with spending only \$226 in 1920? This is entirely uncalled for for the police department, but if you get it of course it will be used. You want to stop this now or never, and get the chief of police to be a little more economical. It is a very healthy thing to take a walk. We have a little talk here to save a few dollars on the school committee, but that was uncalled for, for some of it we need, but this truck we don't need. Use your own judgment.

Mr. Rogers: I must state that I don't know anything about the stills, or how many people are taken to the hospital. I simply saw the figures on what we paid last year, and if we can save that amount this year, why not do it by investing the sum of \$700. That is the only objection I have.

Mr. Traynor: I am surprised at Mr. Rogers. Why it would cost \$500 to run a truck. It is ridiculous. Why do we get away from the hire? The hire is the cheapest thing we can get. I want to draw attention to the fact that the hire is also chief of police. He is paid his wages, but he could not answer a question.

An appropriation of \$700 was voted for the truck.

Article 6.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$14157.15 in addition to the balance on hand of \$1140.26, to pay for bills due for extra work done in the reconstruction of Main Street, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rhodes: I move that the sum of \$14,157.15 be appropriated.

Mr. Dwyer: If you are going to vote this appropriation you are establishing a precedent that every property owner in Andover can call upon you to do likewise. There is an old axiom in law which says "Let the buyer beware." A year ago at the last meeting here there was \$100,000 appropriated for fixing that piece of road. I will make the assertion, and I don't think I can be contradicted, that not one of the abutting property owners has heard raising his voice against it. There were four water mains laid, and I was one. Therefore I think I have the right to go against the \$100,000. Each one of them accepted that and everything that went with it. Now when all the street is put in, you come across and you want \$14,000 extra. Now you want \$10,000 out of that, an over estimate of over 20%. I will tell you a little history of just how that will apply. I have been in a sidewalk walk, but you are adding at least \$500 to each piece of abutting property. Why you come up and do likewise for me? Will you do it for any other property owner? The town has already put a sidewalk there and paid their share of it.

Moderator: We are not discussing now the question of \$10,000 for a granolithic sidewalk, but the \$14,000 for the reconstruction of Main street.

Francis H. Foster: I think we ought to be a little more careful of some of these extras. For instance on the bill for capstones that order should have been signed by Mr. Jenkins or Mr. Dickinson. It was supposed to cost \$635 and the bill was sent in for \$1700, a profit of 300%. I think the town ought to be a little more careful to look out for these things.

Mr. Rhodes: During the construction on Main street part of the culvert on Central street fell in. The capstones on Main street were a different proposition altogether.

It was voted to appropriate \$14157.15.

Article 7.—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for granolithic sidewalks on either side of Main Street and do necessary grading, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rhodes: I move the amount be appropriated.

Mr. Dwyer: I will begin right where I left off. I think the town of Andover has enlargement of the heart. For two years I have been fighting to keep the water out of my cellar and at my own expense I went and dug a gutter of 300 ft to lead the water off into Mr. Abbott's field where the water ought to go in the first place. I thought I ought to be entitled to at least my pocket tax. All I got was "Well, that's your property and you ought to be satisfied." And then I found that the water was six inches higher than it was before. My gutter is level with the sidewalk so the water was running in over my walk again. Why wouldn't I be entitled to have them go and raise the sidewalk above the street and keep the water out? They took the sidewalk up from Avon street down to Whittier and it was with the formation of the soil uphill and downhill, and I am knock-tired from climbing over Joe Pitman's hills over there. Why put in a \$10,000 walk down here that is liable to cause you trouble later on? As long as they don't go to work and object to it, they ought to take what was coming, and of course if they are entitled to it, why that is all there is to it.

Peter Quinn: I want to tell you that in Ballardvale we have not had a living thing done in any way, shape or form. On the Shawheen side of River street when that hail storm was on, there was a fence broken that it would cost possibly two or three dollars to repair. It is a detriment to the people and to the children going to school. We cannot get it done. Down the road a way, we have got to wade through between six and seven inches of water and we seem to get nothing done there. There is not any man who would like to see the old town looking better than I would. Five of my children were born here and the boss herself, my wife, but I think with that \$100,000 beautiful street, our influential citizens might very soon about a year and a half ago some of the holes and build up the torn fences in Ballardvale, if the board of public works ever can get me. All I get when I suggest it to the local member of the board is a remark, "Why don't some of you chip in and get together and fix it up?" That is our economical member from the Ballardvale district. After the water dries up in that hole, then the dust is so bad we have to shut the windows altogether. I don't approve of any further expense in this part of the town until the outskirts are fixed up.

Dr. Stearns: I have travelled over these sidewalks and I think I can travel over them in their present condition some more. I understand they were pretty badly injured by the work on Main street, but I don't think that injury will show very seriously because there have been pretty rough spots most of the time, except when the snow is on them, and then it makes no difference. We have appropriated a lot of money already, and there is lots more to come. If this is a necessity we can well consider it, but I cannot see that it is just now, so why can't we let them go for another year at least? It is a beautiful street for the benefit of the trucks, and perhaps it is a fair proposition to slow up a little on the sidewalks just now if it is absolutely necessary.

Mr. Traynor: I agree with him if he had left the truck alone, because our mills could

run if the trucks did not go.

Mr. Frost: I think the last statement from the last but one speaker must have struck you as peculiarly untrue. I don't know that I have heard since I have been in Andover very much on the line of retrenchment. I shouldn't wonder if there are people in this town who, if we were to make the proposition today that we put up a \$30,000 statue every 30 feet as they do in Germany, would vote for it. And now you have gotten this beautiful street (and by the way I voted against it) and the people coming into town and are just beginning to applaud us as being up-to-date, irrespective of our income. If they have driven down to the square what will be their appreciation of the aesthetic knowledge of Andover when they strike the dangerous place, if there is anything in the town that is a necessity more than another, it is the widening of the street in front of the Tyler Rubber Company. That is Andover. We shall have presented to us by and by a wonderful scheme for something else, but the necessities of Andover that are meeting us day by day are quite adequate to consume every surplus dollar that we shall have, and I wish for one to second the suggestion of Mr. Stearns and let that thing stop for a year. Nobody will let that thing be done. I have walked up that street on one side and down on the other and I can do so in the days to come. Of course there is our civic pride, and it would add to the principle of the eternal fitness of things to have this finished up nicely, but as far as being a necessity, we should not do it in view of the tremendous expense this year. I move that this article be voted down.

Edward V. French: This matter came before the finance committee and I think it only fair to say this. The town has taken steps to put Main street into good condition and something has got to be done of considerable extent in any event to make the sidewalks suitable as they stand today. It seemed to the finance committee a waste of money to go ahead and do temporary work, and although the expense is considerable, it was our belief from the figures and facts presented that it would be for the interest of the town if the job was done in the right way, making it permanent rather than spending money for temporary work. That was our reason for urging the completion of this Main street job at this time.

Mr. Dwyer: They must have acquired their knowledge very lately as to the needs of this Main street expense. Last summer we put in a new paved street on Phillips street, and the total cost of paving the street was \$17,000 plus. The cost of the labor and curbstone was \$7,000. There were about 13 houses on the entire length of that street but still they put in a curbstone there. Wouldn't it have been a piece of economy to use that \$7,000 in putting in a sidewalk instead of a curbstone? I was up there two and one-half hours one day making a survey and not a single vehicle passed me on the street. That is an indication of the amount of travel on this street, but still they put in this heavy curbstone filled up with gravel and graded. Why are they entitled to curbstone there, when they are not on Elm or Whittier streets, or in front of schoolhouses?

Mr. Rhodes: I am surprised that the gentleman is so ignorant about road construction. Phillips street is on a hill and Whittier street is not. The curb was put on Phillips street in order to save and protect the road. If it had not been put there the amount of water that comes down would wash out your road along the edges in a very few storms, and the curb had to be put in to protect the street. It has been the policy of the department to put curbs in new construction on hills. Shawheen road is the same. We have only put curbstone just where we thought it would be economical to do so. Phillips street has been a source of expense to the town of Andover for a good many years and if this curb had been put in ten years ago we would have saved in maintenance the cost of the street. Ten years ago on Harding street, it was washed out and in 1913, it washed out twice in two months where you could drive a two-horse car in. The next year the curb was put in and there has been no washout since, and the road has not cost anything to maintain. That is the case with Phillips street. If we have got a hill, we have got to put a curb in if we want to be economical in the long run. In regard to his sidewalks, I don't recollect that the gentleman ever petitioned under the betterment act, to get a sidewalk.

John H. Soehren: Is the sidewalk to be for one side or both sides?

Mr. Traynor: I asked the board of public works which side it was on, and one of them told me it was on the outside.

Mr. Rogers: We don't know the condition there now and I think we had better wait until this snow and ice is cleared away and we can see the condition of the sidewalk. I think it can wait until one year from now.

Mr. Rhodes: The sidewalk here in the business part of this section is neglected. I think anybody that uses this walk here across the street would say that we have got to fix it up so it will be safe. It will cost something to do it. There is no question but that we should have a granolithic walk here on Main street. I think it is only fair to put it up to the voters of Andover because in my judgment the sidewalks have already been damaged and knowing the temperament of people in general who expect things to be nice and smooth, I should say that to repair it, to make it satisfactory would cost considerable money, and I don't think it is wise economy to patch it or fix it temporarily. While we are about it we ought to finish it and do it right, and not waste any more money. It is something for you to know the difference between the cost of block paving and curbing, and the piece on top of the hill which the State built a few years ago ought to be curbed part of the way and not the whole. The block paving from junction of Main and School streets cost a trifle less than \$6 per square yard, and that piece of macadam running from Phillips street to Porter road cost a trifle over \$6 per square yard. Which is the most economical? As I say, the board of public works put this in here with the idea of giving the people a chance to con-

sider the question. There is no question but that this sidewalk is in terrible condition.

Joseph L. Burns: What would it cost to put granolithic walk in front of the stores?

Mr. Rhodes: It was estimated \$3 a square yard.

Mr. Burns: We ought to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to put granolithic walks in front of the store property from Chestnut street around by Mr. Campion's corner. A large expenditure of \$10,000 is not necessary for this distance. I have walked down on both sides after the repairs were made, and there does not seem to be any great demand for granolithic walks on both sides. If some member of the board of public works can give us an idea how much it will cost from Chestnut street to Mr. Campion's corner, I would move that amount as an amendment.

Mr. Rhodes: We have never estimated any separate part.

Frank L. Cole: It would probably be \$100 yards, and would cost about \$3,000.

Mr. Burns: I move an amendment to the effect that \$3,000 be appropriated under this article to do the granolithic work in front of the stores, such as Mr. Cole has covered in his estimate.

Mr. Foster: I understand that there are great things going to be done on the Swift estate, and we wouldn't want to do this work and then tear it up.

Mr. Cole: The sewer and water arrangements, etc., will take care of any work that will be done there for years to come.

Mr. Traynor: I wonder if he means just \$3,000 for this job, or does it mean that he will soon be reaching over to rub some more. An appropriation of \$3,000 was voted to build granolithic sidewalks on Main street north of Chestnut street to Campion's corner and in front of Musgrave block.

Article 8.—To see if the Town will accept the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of 1923 "Authorizing the Town of Andover to construct an Outfall Sewer for the Disposal of its Sewage."

Also to see if the town will vote to issue bonds or notes of the town in the aggregate amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under this act, the indebtedness under this act to be in excess of the statutory limit, but except as otherwise provided therein, subject to Chapter Forty-four of the General Laws, on petition of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Rhodes: I move the adoption of the first section.

That the town accept the provisions of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 1923 "Authorizing the Town of Andover to construct an outfall sewer for the disposal of its sewage." Carried by vote of 266 in favor, none opposed.

Mr. Soehren: I would like to ask if there is any provision made for the cost of maintenance? Does the American Woolen Company have to pay some of that, or does the town assume the whole maintenance of said sewer hereafter?

Mr. Rhodes: There is very little cost of maintenance where it goes to the Merrimack river. The chief cost for maintenance will be for pumping part of the sewage where it will flow to the Merrimack. We cannot exactly tell what that will be, but we do not know exactly the amount or the time it will take.

That under authority of and in compliance with Act of 1923, Chapter 69, entitled "An Act Authorizing the Town of Andover to construct an Outfall Sewer for the Disposal of its Sewage," which has been duly accepted by the town, and for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred under said Act the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, and to raise said amount the Town Treasurer is hereby authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the town in said principal amount of one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000) dollars bearing on face the words "Andover Sewer Loan, Act of 1923," signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Said bonds or notes shall be payable in accordance with section 19 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole of said loan shall be due and payable in not more than thirty (30) years from the date of issue. All other particulars as to the form, issuance and sale of said bonds or notes shall be determined by the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen.

Carried by vote of 261 in favor, none opposed.

Article 9.—To see if the Town will authorize and direct the School Committee to petition the General Court of 1923 for authority to borrow the sum of two hundred sixty-eight thousand (\$268,000) dollars under the statutory limit of indebtedness, by bond issue or otherwise, for the following purposes:

To grade and loan the lot and to build and equip, a new grammar school building, to be located on the land given by the American Woolen Company and accepted by the Town, situated at the junction of and between Corbett Street and Magnolia Avenue, on petition of the School Committee.

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Possibly the bad weather was responsible for the extremely meagre attendance, yet there were nearly as many women present as there were men. The Townsman cannot help reiterating its opinion that the amount of active interest shown in town affairs on the part of the voters of the town is a thing short of pitiful. Two years ago when women were to be first admitted into the meeting, there was a great amount of talk about the impossibility of accommodating everyone in the present town hall. If last Monday's meeting may be considered any criterion, the town hall will be amply large enough to accommodate town meetings for years to come.

Particularly unfortunate in the conduct of the meeting, were the frequent and often rather slurring personalities which entered into what little discussion there was. Seldom is anything gained by attacking a person or persons whose only error is in believing otherwise than you do. In fact so frequently is the opposite the case, that it would seem almost unnecessary to point out such an apparent truism. Yet several of the town's public servants were accused of faithlessness in the performance of their duties in no uncertain terms. The Townsman would like to see public sentiment assert itself strongly enough to prevent a recurrence at future meetings of such childish attempts to obtain publicity as are some of the remarks which appear in the complete report of the meeting.

As to the actual business transacted at the meeting the Townsman offers disapproval of only two votes, that on the disposition of the War Memorial question, and the sympathy vote which raised the tax rate for the coming year slightly over forty cents, by calling for the expenditure of \$10,000 for the extension of a water main in West Parish. There can be no lack of sympathy for any family which has to live under the unsanitary conditions which the absence of town water evidently forced upon Mr. Trauschke and his neighbors. Assuredly fifty-three people deserve some consideration from the town on the question of water supply, but the town is supposedly a business organization, run on business principles. Any organization must have a certain amount of routine, to prevent the conduct of its affairs from getting beyond the control of its governing boards, and the precedent which Monday's vote helped to more firmly establish is a menace to success of the town's organization. It might be wise in the future for those in charge of the preparation of the warrant at least to suggest the proper method of procedure in a case like this or other similar cases, and if such suggestion failed to remedy the situation it might even be well to provide some change in the town's by-laws which would insure the passage of such articles through the proper channels.

Surely the town should not lay itself open to the possible acceptance of all such so-called "Sob-Sister Legislation," as might be presented to it with the proper amount of heart-throb in the story to cause everyone who voted against it to feel like a murderer or a thief. "Give 'em the water" by all means if they need it, but let's consider the method in which we spend the town's money as much a business proposition as we do the spending of our own.

Surely no proposition has received so little consideration, so little serious thought, so little mature judgment as that which was given to the War Memorial Plan as it was presented last Monday. Two years ago when the question was first debated in town meeting there was considerable opposition to any such ambitious plan as was presented at that time, but as the possibilities of tying up a real civic center with a war memorial were unfolded to the meeting, as the speakers constructed a far-sighted scheme of the desirability of looking into the future, of planning for it now, even as our forefathers did years ago, there was a change in sentiment and when definite action was finally taken, the meeting was practically unanimous in its desire to entertain a memorial plan which would contain in it all the elements necessary to give it permanency, usefulness and beauty.

The next year, there was opposition to the plan presented, but the meeting was still of the sentiment that the plan should contain the elements at first specified. So the committee went to work again, endeavored to draw up a new plan which would not have the objections stated against the first plans, and presented it to the 1923 town meeting. Whereupon a speaker proceeds to find one point in a very general plan which had not been made specific by the committee, holds that one point up to ridicule and then moves that the whole work of the committee for the past three years be nullified and that the town construct a common, ordinary war memorial and do it in a hurry and get it over and done with. And a meeting, which could hardly have been representative of the best which is in Andover, passes the motion and brands the town as one more small-minded, hard-shelled, narrow, back-woods New England Village.

It is not possible to conceive that any committee could present a truly far-sighted plan which would not meet with some opposition in its details or even in its general layout, but the action which Andover took on Monday is surely nothing which those who voted for it can be very proud of.

The Townsman shared with the majority of the voters certain of the objections which were expressed to this particular plan. It is not disapproved that this plan was not adopted, but it is ashamed for that Andover which so generously killed the entire idea of town planning in one thoughtless vote.

Editorial Cinders

If any further proof be needed of the comparative rigor of the passing winter, the fact that a year ago at this time the fire department was responding to repeated calls for brush fires in this vicinity, should furnish all the proof necessary.

Attempts Two Robberies in One Evening

Frank Murphy, 20 years old, of Pearson street, charged with the larceny of a handbag belonging to Mrs. Louis Resnik of Whittier street, and of an attempt to steal the receipts from the Andover Guild weekly dance, carried in a box by Fred Hulme on Saturday night, is being held by the Andover police in \$1500 bonds for the grand jury.

Mrs. Resnik returned home late on Saturday night, and left her handbag containing a sum of money near a window. She was startled by the breaking of a window pane, a milk bottle having been hurled through the glass, and found the bag gone. The police were notified and Officer Leonard Saunders traced the footprints in the snow to the hunch cart on Essex street, and there arrested Murphy on suspicion.

On hearing of his arrest Frederick Hulme

notified the police that he thought Murphy was the man who attempted to rob him of a box containing money. As Mr. Hulme left the Andover Guild house earlier in the evening on Saturday, Murphy assaulted him, according to Mr. Hulme, and he retaliated by striking Murphy with the box he carried, whereupon the youth ran away.

On being questioned at the police station the police alleged that Murphy confessed to both offenses.

Deaths

March 3, 1923, in Wilmington, Newton J., infant son of Oscar W. and Dorothy (Jaquith) Batchelder, aged 1 year 2 months.
March 5, 1923, in Arlington, at the home of her niece, Mrs. Joseph F. Sullivan, Miss Margaret McGuinness, aged 69 years.
March 11, 1923, at the Parker Memorial hospital, Brookline, Lydia Stanley.

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Everything is ready for the presentation of "The Irish Rebel" in the Town hall, to-night in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The play is given under the auspices of Andover Council K. of C., and Court St. Monica C. D. of A.

The play is directed by John Alexander who has had much experience in amateur performances and has been very successful. The leading parts will be taken by John L. Dugan, who as "Dick Massey" the young rebel is sure to make a big hit and by Miss Moira K. Murphy, who as "Ella Dwyer," is the faithful colleen of "Dick."

They will have excellent support from the rest of the cast which includes Frank Dyer, as "Terry Dwyer," father of Ella; John Alexander, as "Byron Kavanaugh," the turncoat "Irishman," William Harnedy, as "Reddy Duggan," a spy and informer; Arthur Leary, as "Dan Mulligan" and a rollicking Irish rogue; Miss Isabel Sirois as "Molly Dwyer," Terry's niece, and Harold Eastwood as "Serg. Hichman."

There will be dancing after the play and Dwyer's orchestra will furnish music. Tickets may be had at Crowley's drugstore. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of St. Augustine's parochial school.

Pupils Recital at Abbot Academy

The music departments of Abbot Academy will present a number of pupils in recital on Saturday afternoon, at half past two, in Davis hall. All branches of specialized instruction will be represented.

The program:
Piano Duet—Hungarian Dance Brahms
Evelyn and Frances MacDougall
Vocal—Love Hueria
Dorothy Converse
Vocal—Mighty Lak a Rose Nesin
Harriet Cheney
Piano—Ballade Phyllis Yates
Grieg
Organ—Grand Chorus Dubois
Chorus—La Chanson du Pater Delavray
Fidelio Society
Piano—Si oleau j'etais Henzeli
Ruth Hawley
Clair de Lune Debussy
Dorothy Adams
Gondellied Mendelssohn
Violin—Marche Gracie Griffin
Juon
Parcarolle
Walzer
Frances Flagg
Piano—Prelude in G minor Rachmaninoff
Margaret McKee
All through the Night Scott
Margaret Caveno
Violin Trio—Allegro and Minuet Playel
Misses Flagg, Wolfe and Ripley
Organ—Improvisation—Caprice Jorgen
Voice—By the Waters of Minnetonka Cadman
Charlotte Kitchen
Piano—Sonatine Ravel
Moderate
Mouvt de Menuet
Evelyn MacDougall

Six Months in Oxford, Germany and Ireland

"The present disturbances in Ireland will pass away and the treaty will be accepted for economic reasons. Never have conditions been as hopeful. The north and south will come together as one nation; the north will achieve that commercial integrity which it so values, and the south the independent existence for which it is struggling," said the Rev. J. Edgar Park when he spoke on "Six Months in Oxford, Germany and Ireland" before the members of the November club, and their guests at a meeting held Monday evening.

Mr. Park recently spent two terms at Oxford with vacations in Germany and Ireland. A keen observer and student of men and affairs he brought to his audience an interesting picture of university life at Oxford, that city of colleges with its architectural beauty enriched by a wealth of literary and historic associations, as well as first hand impressions of conditions in Germany, and Ireland.

Although there is an outside appearance of prosperity in Germany with construction of new subways, and public buildings, crowded opera houses and good business in luxuries such as jewelry, yet milk is so scarce that there is enough only for those under nine months of age, and there is much suffering among students at the universities. He also spoke of the unbelievable purchasing power of the American dollar (two breakfasts, two dinners and two rooms at a hotel costing only thirty-seven cents) the ease with which one might now gain access to the Kaiser's palace and fortresses, as contrasted with the formidable military protection of pre-war days, and the comparatively friendly attitude toward the English, and Americans, as compared with the feeling of antagonism roused by the French.

In the absence of Miss Bertha Bailey, the meeting was presided over by the first vice president, Mrs. George L. Selden. Resolutions on the death of Miss Charlotte Swift, prepared by Mrs. Douglas Crawford, Mrs. John Alden, and Mrs. C. W. Henry, were presented by Mrs. Douglas Crawford.

The department of music will meet on Monday, March 19, at half past three, with Miss Mary E. Richards, Morton street.

The department of literature will meet on Wednesday, March 21, at half past three with Miss Kate Swift, Main street.

The department of drama will meet on Friday, March 23, at three o'clock with Miss Mary W. Bell, Bartlet street.

The department of art will meet on Monday, March 19, at three o'clock with Mrs. George Ripley, Central street.

The department of civics met this afternoon at the clubhouse at 3:15. Mrs. Claude U. Gilson gave her eighth lecture on current history.

Contributions to the Elizabeth C. Smythe scholarship fund started by the art department will go on interest the third Wednesday of this month.

On April 16, through arrangements made by the Art department, an opportunity will be given to residents of Andover and their friends to journey to Italy and return via Locke street.

Symphony Men Give Successful Concert

The Shirley ensemble lived up to the high expectations of the audience which went to Abbot Academy last Saturday to hear it. The concert was a setting for Mr. Shirley and the Viole d'Amore. Mr. Shirley gave a most interesting and instructive talk on the instrument, and a brief history of the development of instruments.

The suite, op. 1, written for the Viole d'Amore by Mr. Shirley, was very effective, and entirely idiomatic. The possibilities of the instrument were well developed, and the technique splendidly illustrated.

Mr. Laurent gave a superlatively fine performance. His tone was beautiful, and his execution flawless. The three registers of the flute were brought out in all their characteristic beauty, yet there was always

smoothness and perfect intonation. Mr. Holy seemed to gain the special delight of the audience which was unable to demand a second encore because of the lateness of the hour. Mr. Holy has personality. When he steps on the stage, one feels his dynamic force. His playing was clean, and beautiful tonally.

Perhaps the ensemble is a bit disappointing. The men play well together, but the pieces played were only accompaniments to the Viole d'Amore. The combination has the personnel and the possibilities for very fine ensemble playing.

The audience was very spontaneous in its

response to the artists, who were gracious with their encores. The concert was a fitting close to a very excellent series of concerts.

Violin Lessons

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66117 Chi se ne accorda echu! (Oh How Can I Forget) Neapolitan Tito Schipa
87353 C-salle Song (Wiegand) (Brahms) In German Erastine Schumann-Heink
66116 Little Man (George Graft, Jr.-Ernest R. Ball) Reinold Wernersath

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SATURDAY, MARCH 24
NORMA TALMADGE IN "LOVE'S REDEMPTION."
AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTEEN DAYS.
COMEDY.
PATHE NEWS.

The Music of Birds

The music of the birds will be heard in the Punched Hall, next Tuesday evening, when Arthur E. Wilson of Boston will give his lecture under the auspices of the Andover Natural History society and is the annual bird night. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of those who are interested in bird life. A small admission fee will be charged.

Mr. Wilson begins his program with the morning chorus of birds in two or three New England towns where he has lived, followed by the evening chorus, giving twenty or more bird songs in these groups. Then he takes up some of all the year round birds, the nuthatch, chickadee, crow, bluejay, giving songs and poems and relating personal experiences.

He groups chickadees, phoebe and pewee for purpose of distinguishing their songs. A detailed study of the sparrow group with stories and poems follows together with the miscellaneous group which includes the meadow lark, Maryland yellowthroat, brown thrasher and oven bird. The robin, rose-breasted grosbeak, scarlet tanager, and Baltimore Oriole, the vireo group, thrush group, crows and whip-poor-will are other interesting bird groups which Mr. Wilson describes.

In this talk Mr. Wilson gives the songs of 35 or more of the common birds, familiar to New England, distinguishing their calls, from their songs, tells a dozen or more interesting experiences with the birds and recites a few humorous bird poems.

Mr. Wilson recently gave his lecture be-

fore the Hartford Bird Study club, and the president said, "I have attended these lectures of the club for a good many years, and I want to say that I have never heard such an interesting, entertaining and unique bird lecture."

Next Tuesday night in the Punched hall hear the music of the birds.

Choir and Ushers Entertained

The choir and ushers of the Free church and their guests to the number of fifty, were entertained at a supper given at the parish house, Thursday evening.

Fruit cocktail, fricasseed chicken, peas, mashed potato, cranberry sauce, rolls, ice cream, cake and coffee, provided a delicious repast. The members of the committee who had this part of the entertainment in charge were Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Paine, Mrs. Alexander Sheriff, Mrs. Burr Anderson and Mrs. Harry Chadwick. The table decorations of pussy willows were provided by Miss Annabelle Richardson.

After the supper, Edwin T. Booth expressed the appreciation of the choir and Herbert Otis, that of the ushers. A poem, "Trouble in the Choir," was read by Mrs. Harry A. Ramsdell, and "The Sexton" was read by Rev. F. A. Wilson. A "Poem of Thanks" written for the occasion, was "lined out" and sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," three stanzas by the entire company, one stanza by the ushers, and one stanza by the choir. This simple but delightful entertainment was arranged by Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson.

Preachers and Music in Christ Church

The coming of Rev. Harvey F. D. Huang, of the Diocese of Hankow, China, will be an added reason to be present at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday in Christ church. Rev. Mr. Huang is at present taking special work in the Episcopal Theological school. But he is an older man than ordinary student age, recognized in China as a growing leader, and at present is Dean-elect of St. Paul's Cathedral, Hankow.

On Sunday evening at the fifth Lenten special service Rev. George L. Paine will be the preacher. He was Rector in New Haven, whence he resigned to enter war-work. He is now in charge of the student work in Harvard University, and Curate of Christ church, Cambridge, and is Executive Secretary at the federated church work in Boston.

The choir is preparing to give Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Sunday night, March 25, in Christ church. There will be several extra voices in the choir then, and the soloists are well known. Mrs. J. J. Mahoney, soprano; Mrs. Fred A. Wallace, contralto; Leland Gates, tenor; and Thomas Parkinson, bass.

Miss Valentine Showed

A miscellaneous shower was given Miss Irene Valentine last Friday night, at the home of Mrs. M. E. Dalton, 70 Chestnut street, by a number of her friends. Miss Valentine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin S. Valentine, and is soon to be married to George M. Collins of Bartlett street. She received a great array of useful and valuable articles. She was also surprised with a beautiful framed picture of Mr. Collins, taken while at the front in the world war.

A program of music was given and games played. Refreshments were also served. Those present were Mrs. J. A. Collins, Mrs. Fred Collins, Mrs. Andrew Collins, Mrs. J. Everett Collins, Miss Isabella McIntosh, Mrs. William H. Bateson, Mrs. Lillian Carmichael, Mrs. Roy W. Rhodes, Mrs. Franklin S. Valentine, Mrs. M. E. Dalton, Mrs. Eldred Larkin, Misses Irene Valentine, Hattie McCoubrie, Edith Sellars, Betty Frederickson, Catherine Leary, Eva Eaton and Eva Zecchini.

Abbot Academy Notes

Four members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, known as the Shirley Ensemble, gave a very unusual and interesting concert in Davis hall last Saturday afternoon.

Dr. Nehemiah Baynton of New York City, was the speaker at the regular weekly service which was held in Abbot hall on Saturday evening.

On Tuesday evening in Davis hall, two very successful plays, written by two members of the Senior class, were presented. The plays were "The Choice" by Miss Laura Lakin of Miles City, Montana, and "Enter James, The Hero," by Miss Ruth Kelley of Newton Highlands.

The Easter recess begins on Thursday, March 22, and the school will re-open on Wednesday, April 4.

News was received on Monday of the death of Miss Gertrude E. Sherman in Springfield after a short illness. Miss Sherman will be remembered with affection by many Andover people, as the head of the French department at the school for eight years. For the last two years of that time she and her mother lived in the Sherman House, which was then renamed Sherman Cottage. Since leaving Andover, she had made her home in Springfield with her mother, and had taught French there, in the Technical High school, where she was considered one of the most valuable members of the staff. Besides being an excellent teacher of French, Miss Sherman had a lovable personality, and exerted a strong influence, not only in the classroom, but also in the social life of the school.

Delegates Chosen

At the regular meeting of Walter L. Raymond Camp Sons of Veterans, Commanded Charles Evans, Chaplain Cutter Foster, and Inside Guard Charles Damon were installed by Mantor Evans of Camp 21, of Lawrence.

The delegates appointed to the state convention to be held in Boston on April 10, and 11, were Charles Kibbee and Charles Stentford. The alternates were Sheridan Wyman and Kenneth Kibbee.

Charles Kibbee, Charles Stentford and Sheridan Wyman were chosen members of the good of the order committee.

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MISSIONARY RALLY

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cancerto (Andant movement) for two pianos, played by Mrs. H. C. Sanborn and Mrs. John C. Angus.

The first speaker, Mrs. Lawrence, of Chikora, East Africa, has followed the "African Trail" for twenty-two years as nurse and wife of a medical missionary.

The appalling ignorance and superstition calls out great joy that takes no account of sacrifice in meeting such needs. Her story of five chiefs begging for Christian teachers for their tribes brought gifts from the audience sufficient to support such a native teacher for at least three months with pledges for more.

Miss Fannie Davis briefly presented the coming effort of the Y. W. C. A. for a new building for the women and children of all creeds and nationalities in Lawrence.

Dr. Brewer Eddy, associate home secretary of the American Board of Missions, in an address called "Woman and the Leaven," gave convincing facts of the power of the Christian religion gained in his recent tour through the Far East. Chinese children in Christian schools now number as many as the entire population of fifteen Andovers and one Lawrence.

Wherever Christianity enters in Japan, it uplifts the downtrodden and improves industrial conditions touched by the non-Christian religions.

Christian missions sound the note of world victory that makes people want to remain Christians, as they thus by sacrifice come into partnership with Christ.

During the intermission at noon a social hour was enjoyed while partaking of a basket lunch. Small tables decorated with daisies were arranged in the small vestry, and hot coffee was served by the women of the South church.

Luncheon arrangements were in charge of Mrs. Chester D. Abbott and Mrs. C. W. Holland and the decorations of spring flowers were by Mrs. Frederic G. Moore.

A special lunch was served to the speakers and other invited guests. Those seated at the speakers' table included Mrs. Arthur Barber and Miss Clara Prescott of Trinity church, Lawrence; Miss Addie Kimball and Mrs. Lewis Foye of the Lawrence Street church, Lawrence; Mrs. Herbert Mank and Mrs. A. H. Marsden of the United Congregational church, Lawrence; Mrs. George Dinsmore and Mrs. Lombard of the South Congregational church, Lawrence; Mrs. Thomas G. Langdale of the Riverside church, Lawrence; Mrs. Percy Epler and Mrs. Charles Oliphant of Methuen; Mrs. John L. Keedy and Mrs. E. W. Moody of North Andover; Rev. and Mrs. E. Victor Bigelow, Mrs. J. M. Purington and Miss Mary Alice Abbott of the South church, Andover; Mrs. Mabel S. Boyden, Miss Sands, Miss Townsend, Miss Kokkinnen and Mrs. William T. Lawrence.

Mrs. V. D. Harrington was chairman of the receiving committee and Mrs. John Alden of the afternoon reception committee.

This meeting will long be remembered for the opportunity given not only for fellowship but for inspiring contact with the great work of building Christianity into human lives, both far and near. The large numbers present, representing all the Protestant churches of Andover, Methuen and churches of North Andover, Methuen and Lawrence, show how widely the influence of the day will be felt.

Obituaries

MRS. SAMUEL HIBBERT

Mrs. Mary Hibbert, wife of Samuel, died last Friday evening after a five weeks illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Hyde, 18 Essex street. The deceased was born in Lancashire, England, 74 years ago, and had been a resident of Andover for the past 15 years. She leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her passing.

Besides her husband she leaves two sons, Benjamin D. and James William Hibbert of Andover; three daughters, Mrs. John Shattuck and Mrs. William Hyde of Andover, and Mrs. Jennie Stack of Montreal, Canada.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Charles W. Henry, rector of Christ Episcopal church, officiated.

The bearers were Francis Hyde, Francis and James Hibbert, three grandsons of the deceased, George Haddon, James Flannery and Peter Dugan.

Interment was in the family lot at Spring Grove cemetery.

GEORGE YOUNG, JR.

The funeral of George Young, Jr., a former resident of Andover, who died Thursday morning, March 8, at the Homeopathic hospital, Newburyport, was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret Sime, 48 Stevens street, Andover. Rev. Frederick A. Wilson officiated at the services. Interment was in the family lot in Spring Grove cemetery.

The deceased was employed as a painter by the Hollander Morrel factory, Amesbury. He was a member of the Amesbury Veteran Firemen's Association. The firemen were represented at the funeral services by Charles Stevenson and the firm of Hollander and Morrel by J. Wright.

LYDIA STANLEY

Funeral services for Miss Lydia Stanley, who died Sunday at the Parker Memorial hospital, Brookline, were held at St. Mark's church, Brookline, on Wednesday.

Burial was in Spring Grove cemetery where committal services were read by Rev. F. A. Wilson. Miss Stanley served overseas as a nurse for three years. A delegation was present from the Brookline Post of the American Legion and taps were sounded. Miss Stanley is survived by five brothers, one of whom is Joseph Stanley of Andover, and a sister, Mrs. Dora Stanley O'Hara of Somerville.

Local Telephone Exchange to Be Enlarged

Extensive alterations are being made in the local telephone office, an additional room, formerly occupied by Rogers and Angus, having been taken over by the company to obtain space for two more sections of switchboard, with a capacity for six additional operators. This is necessitated by the steady growth of Andover, particularly Shawheen Village. The expense of this improvement will approximate \$6500.

At present there are 1567 telephone subscribers in Andover served by seventeen operators.

Miss Gillespie Showered

A miscellaneous shower, in honor of Miss Jean D. Gillespie, on the occasion of her approaching marriage to George Craig, was held Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Jean McDermitt, Brechin terrace. Miss Gillespie was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

A feature of the entertainment was a mock wedding, and those who took part were: bride, Miss Mary Taylor; groom, Mrs. Martha Deyermund; bridesmaid, Mary Ryan; best man, Margaret McCarthy; ring bearer, Mrs. James Thompson; minister, Jean D. Valentine. The wedding march was played by Hazel F. Valentine.

During the evening a program of songs, readings and dances was much enjoyed. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Those present at the shower were: Mrs. Hamilton Craig, Mrs. Jean McDermitt, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. Lily Hackney, Mrs. John Deyermund, Mrs. Robertson, Misses Isabelle Valentine, Hazel Valentine, Jean Valentine, Rita MacFarlane, Margaret Lowe, Mary Ryan, Mary Taylor, Ina Thompson, Anna Finnerty, Margaret Craig, Jennie McMahon, Elizabeth Murray, Margaret McCarthy, Mary McCrosson, Eleanor Addley, and Jean Gillespie.

Masonic Club Concert

The Andover Masonic club has made arrangements for a concert in the town hall on Wednesday evening, March 28. The Weber concert company, which includes the Weber male quartet will render the program. Other artists are Alma La Palme, 'cellist, Marjorie Warren Leadenbetter, soprano, and Robert A. Buring, reader. The Weber's have sung here on several occasions and are very popular on the concert stage.

Tickets may be had from the entertainment committee.

Announce Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Cook of 4 Burnham road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miriam Charlotte, to Charles W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davis, of 4 Harding street.

Girls' Club Holds Costume Party

The girls' club of the Andover Guild held a pretty masquerade party in the Guild house on last Friday evening, and everyone of the members and invited guests had one of the prettiest of the season. Games were played and there was an exhibition of fancy dancing. Those who enjoyed bowling and pool played these games, and there were some amateur basketball stunts that caused much amusement. Refreshments were served.

Among those present were Sadie MacLeish, Janet McLeish, Anne Ness, Etta Brown, Helen Scamell, Helen Hackney, Susan Bisset, Jessie Bisset, Lily Dunbar, Agnes Lowe, Doris Ferrier, Genevieve Keith, Mary Keith, Dorothy Beely, Angie McCarthy, Margaret Curtin, Helen Otis, Elizabeth Valentine, Margaret Peters, Barbara Peters, Vivian Taylor.

Benjamin Brown, George Brown, George Davis, George Haddon, John Keefe, Henry Grimes, Henry Otis, Herbert Otis, Frank Nelligan, Robert Partridge, William Kemp, Henry Coleman, George Darby, James Darby, John Welch, Carl Wells, Gardner Shaw, Russell Carter, Fred Cole, Francis Bixby, Richard Dwyer, Elliott Vose, Alexander Black, Michael Lynch.

Minstrel Show to Be Given at the Guild

One of the funniest minstrel shows ever put on in Andover will be given at the Andover Guild on Wednesday evening, March 28.

George Haddon, who has met with such success in amateur theatricals here is directing the show. The end men are George and Benjamin Brown, Andrew Jackson and last, but not least, Christy Murphy. You've all seen Christy in a song and dance or so, but if you want some really good laughs see him as an end man. Benjamin Brown was leading man in "Kathleen" and needs no introduction to the public. George Brown will have something new to show and Andrew Jackson in his song "Jimbo Jambo" is equal to any grown-up.

These boys and girls are working hard to make the show the biggest success ever, and as the Guild will not seat many it will be wise to get a ticket at once.

Dancing will follow the show with music by Dwyer's orchestra.

Births

March 6, 1923, at the O'Donnell sanitarium, Ballardvale, a daughter, Madeline, to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Groat.

March 13, 1923, a daughter, Barbara Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davis of 3 York street.

Johnson Defeats Punched At Basketball

The Johnson high girls basketball team of North Andover defeated the Punched girls Wednesday afternoon, in the Guild gymnasium by the score of 33 to 6.



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CHURCH NOTICES

South Church

10.30. Morning worship. Sermon by the minister.
12.00. Church School.
3.00. The minister's Lenten class.
6.30. Christian Endeavor meeting.
7.45 Wednesday. Midweek service.
10.00 Thursday. Sewing meeting for the Easter sale.

West Church

10.30. Public worship with sermon by the pastor.
12.00. Sunday School.
7.00. The C. E. Society will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corliss.
7.45 Friday. Choir rehearsal under the direction of Mrs. Wright.

Free Church

10.30. Worship led by the pastor emeritus.
12.00. The Church School.
6.15. The Christian Endeavor Society.
7.30 Monday. Regular meeting of the Alpha Phi Chi Society.
7.00 Tuesday. Regular meeting of the X. B. K. Club.
7.00 Wednesday. Rehearsal of the Junior Choir.
7.45 Wednesday. The midweek Lenten service.
8.00 Thursday. Rehearsal of the Senior Choir.

Christ Church

9.00. Holy communion.
10.30. Morning prayer. Preacher, Rev. H. F. D. Huang.
12.00. Church School.
7.30. Evening prayer. Preacher, Rev. G. L. Paine.

7.00 Monday. St. Margaret's Guild.
7.30 Monday. Girls' Friendly Society.
7.45 Tuesday. Phillips Brooks chapter.
4.00 Wednesday. St. Catherine's Guild.
7.45 Wednesday. The Circle of Friendship.
2.30 Thursday. Woman's Guild.
4.00 Thursday. Service with address.
4.00 Friday. Service with address.
7.00 and 7.30 Friday. Choir: boys and men.

Baptist Church

10.30. Morning service with preaching by the pastor on "The New Birth."
12.00. Bible School.
6.30. Christian Endeavor.
7.15. Evening service with preaching by the pastor.
7.45 Wednesday. Prayer meeting.
7.45 Thursday. Choir rehearsal.

Phillips Academy Chapel

9.30. Sunday School at Peabody House.
10.30. Morning worship with sermon by Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, D.D., of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions, Boston.
5.00. Organ music by Mr. Platticher.
5.15. Vesper service with address by Rev. D. Brewer Eddy.



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TOWN MEETING

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mediately after that proceeded to go ahead and finally selected the firm of Ripley & Lehoullier, as you all know, and after quite a study and looking over plans we finally adopted the plan which they submitted, which contained an assembly hall, 12 class rooms, a gymnasium and the other necessary auxiliary rooms. Now the report of the school committee is contained in that pamphlet which I presume you all had a chance to look over. There is a full report of the Shawheen school in the back part of that pamphlet. I don't think there is any necessity of my going over that in detail at all. I would like to call your attention, however, to the fact that in planning for 12 rooms we looked ahead about five years and tried to plan this building that it would take care of the children which we could reasonably expect within three to five years. That was based on a very conservative estimate on the number down there now, and the number of houses built, and being built and planned. The exterior of the building is shown in this report. The building as we would recommend it, is of brick outside in a style of architecture which you can see for yourselves is more or less in conformity with the main buildings which are found down there. The interior construction was very similar to the high school building, with the partitions of hollow tile and metal lath on stud, making fireproof partitions, although it is not a thoroughly fireproof building. This type of construction is very acceptable to the board of education and the rules of the class rooms the width of corridors is regulated by the State, and whatever architect has to do with the planning of a school building, he has to abide by those rules. For instance we had planned to put the boiler house between two wings, almost independent of the other building, and we did that because it was one of the rules that you can't put a boiler house under any corridor or stairway. We planned for twelve rooms to look ahead five years, and we planned for an assembly hall because we thought that absolutely necessary. We found on investigation that very few if any school buildings have been built in Massachusetts without an assembly hall of some kind or other. The school building with its rooms can seat about 250. We planned this hall to seat a little over 300, looking forward to the time when the building might be larger with more class rooms. It is generally expected that about 60% of the pupils might be present in the assembly hall at one time. It was not intended to seat all the pupils.

After this report was printed and the committee had acted on it, it was found that the cost would be \$268,000. Unfortunately the time was rather limited. We had from November 13 to the first part of February, and it took some little time to select the architects in such a way that we could feel that we had given everybody a fair show, and when the architects had been selected, it took time to study the various plans of school buildings and that sort of thing. We had hoped to get the report in time so that there could be some modifications if necessary before the town meeting. After this report was printed, as we expected, there was more or less discussion in town among the

business men about this building. There were more or less criticisms made, and a great many were constructive criticisms which were welcomed. We tried to meet these criticisms in a friendly spirit, and we tried to go over the thing again very carefully. We had quite a number of meetings after this report was printed containing our recommendations, and we finally voted unanimously to recommend that this original plan be modified to the extent that instead of twelve rooms we would recommend eight rooms because we did not believe that twelve rooms would be necessary in five years, but because of the lower cost which was \$27,000 less. We decided that if the time came a little later to put on those four rooms, making a building with twelve class rooms, we would perhaps have saved enough in interest to pay for this extra cost, so the cheapest thing to do was to put in less rooms, although nobody can tell how many pupils there will be in three or four years hence. We also decided to modify the report as regards the gymnasium and eliminate that, saving a certain amount of money as you will notice by the plans. There are now eight class rooms in the plan. The boiler-house was originally planned to go between the two wings, being a sort of a semi-basement room, but we could save eight or ten thousand dollars by putting it under one of the wings, and that was done. We could not work it out to get it all under there, because the law won't allow it to put any part of the coal box under there. The boiler does extend some into space between the two wings, perhaps 10 or 15 feet. These modifications of the original plan of course bring down the estimated cost somewhat. It was figured by a firm in Boston, whose business is to figure that sort of a job, as they do nothing else but estimate on buildings of that kind on a quantity basis, and they probably gave us an accurate cost as it is possible to obtain. It had to be based on present costs. The amount was finally brought down to what we recommend, \$230,000. I would like to call your attention to the fact that the boiler-house does extend slightly into the area between the two wings. I move the adoption of this article.

Mr. Soehren: At a special town meeting, Mr. Wood offered to give that land for school purposes only. The town ought to know whether it owns the lot outright or not. We have had three cases where land was given for school purposes and after the school-houses were destroyed, the former owners claimed the land. In the Scotland district the building was burned down and the land went back to Mr. Jones; in a second instance William Tucker claimed the land that was given for school purposes; and in a third, the Abbott land reverted to the owner. I think if we accept the offer of Mr. Wood for school purposes the land ought to be given outright. It is not good policy for us to erect a schoolhouse costing \$230,000 on land that is entailed. We ought to own it outright.

Mr. Bradford: We do own it outright I think. Most of the land given by corporations for school purposes is given with the understanding that it shall be used only for school purposes. In Manchester, New Hampshire, the Amoskeag people have given nearly all the land for school purposes and in each case they have that same stipulation that it shall be used only for school purposes. It is not true about the Richardson school in Shawheen Village but I suppose

at that time it was understood that it would be used for a school only. We looked into this some time ago and I found there were absolutely no strings on that lot. I think I voice the sentiments of the school committee when I say as far as we are concerned we see no reason why we should question that particular point. It is offered to the town for school purposes and the town accepts it. We are satisfied to let it rest at that. As long as there is a building there we use it for school purposes, and if the building is destroyed we have a new deal all around.

Mr. Rogers: Supposing some day we decide to take it away, can we own the land there? Mr. Rhodes: Those pieces of land referred to which went back to the owners would not have been of any value to the town if they had them, for anything but educational purposes. I don't see any objection to taking a gift that way. The land itself does not amount to much if you don't use it for a school building.

It was voted to adopt Article 9.

Article 10.—To see if the Town will vote to purchase a Motor Ladder Truck for the Fire Department and appropriate a sum of \$15,000.00 for the same, on petition of William C. Crowley and others.

William C. Crowley: I move that \$10,000 be appropriated. Since we have made more careful investigation we have found that \$10,000 will be sufficient. The question of a fire truck is important as ours is practically worn out. Three different times last year it fell completely apart while answering an alarm. It actually parted in two, half of it started for the Boston & Maine Railroad and the rest stayed with the driver. It might have resulted in a serious accident if he had not had good control. The horses are growing old, one is eighteen and I think the other is nineteen years old and I doubt very much if they could go through the present summer. The cost of maintaining them was \$900 and if we should have to replace them at \$700 during the coming year that would be \$1,600, which would be more than the cost of this fire truck. Andover is a growing community and with the addition of these Shawheen Village people the fire protection is entirely inadequate. You might just as well lock up the engine house unless you have this piece of motor apparatus to go with the present equipment.

Mr. Hayes: May I ask Mr. Crowley exactly what this combination ladder apparatus is? Also whether any plans have been made for the establishment of a fire engine house in Shawheen Village itself? It strikes me that with the buildings that are going up there, unless this combination truck is used to have ladders of sufficient length to fight a fire in that district, we are going to have trouble so we might as well see that enough money is appropriated to cover stronger and longer ladders.

Mr. Crowley: It is a city service truck with 60-foot ladders. There is no provision whatever for any fire station in Frye Village. That will have to be taken up separately.

Motion carried, with appropriation.

Article 11.—To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Public Works to extend the water main from the present terminus of same on Corbett Street at premises of Antonio Catanzaro, a distance of seventeen hundred (1700) feet along said Corbett Street to the main entrance to the Sacred Heart Cemetery, and appropriate a sum of money sufficient therefor, on petition of Edward Topping and others.

Mr. Frost: I move this matter be referred to the board of public works.

Mr. Rhodes: You might as well strike it from the warrant. They have any money or any choice in the matter. They can consider it if they haven't anything to do with it. Why not strike it from the warrant? Horace M. Poynter: I think it is highly desirable for those of us who don't know the conditions, to know why the town should such go to the expense of making such an extension.

Mr. Rhodes: Our advice has never been asked, but we can tell our opinion. It is entirely an individual petition for work, but our judgment has not been asked. The amount of money is not put in there, but the amount they gave us as an estimate was \$5,000. The amount is not enough to warrant going in because if buildings are put there they will demand more, and we will shortly have to be extended. It is an expensive proposition because it is nearly all ledge. It will be useless to refer that to the board of public works without any appropriation for it; they can't do anything because there is no money provided. Voted, to refer to Public Works.

Article 12.—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of \$10,000.00 to lay a six-inch water main on Chandler Road, to the residence of William F. Trauschke and others, on petition of William F. Trauschke and others.

William F. Trauschke: I live in that vicinity and there are nine houses with 53 people and 30 head of cattle and every fall our wells run dry and the only way of getting water is from a spring 100 yards from my house. Others have gone to the Merrimack river to get it, but I have carried water for 23 years from this spring. Now these wells are situated near the barn and the drainage gets into them so that the water is not fit to drink or use in any other way. The houses there are all bunched together too. We are asking for an appropriation for \$10,000 but I don't think it will cost that much. The distance from the house on Chandler road to Greenwood road is 6,000 feet, including 700 feet on North Street. To my house it is about 5,000 feet. In laying water main I understand it is about a dollar a foot which would not take up the appropriation we have asked for. We are subject to diseases and we want sanitary conditions, and we cannot do anything without water. We would like the conveniences in our houses that everybody has now. We get sick, and it is no place to go outside, when you are sick. Now, gentlemen, I hope that you will consider this and allow us with the water. Mr. Rogers says if we can get the water on that street he would be willing to build three houses this spring. That would be more people and I think the revenue and taxes would pay for the amount that you would expend in putting the water in for us.

Mr. Rhodes: I wish to correct the gentleman as to the cost of laying water pipe. The pipe cost \$23.00 a ton a few years ago and labor was \$2.00 a day, and then it cost 85 cents to 90 cents to lay a foot of pipe, but now the pipe is \$70.00 a ton and labor \$4.00 a day, so I think don't you can get it down for a dollar a foot. It looks as if the appropriation asked for is no more than will be necessary.

Mr. Angus: I wish to point out to the voters of the town the inadvisability of presenting these questions in this fashion. They are not in shape for us to pass judgment on wisely. They should come from the Selectmen, be passed on by the board of public works, referred to the finance committee and then come through the town meeting. Mr. Rhodes: If the board of public works thought this was necessary it would probably have brought it in for the petitioner. It should be gathered that the board of public works have not been favorable to it. The board of public works have been charged with doing a lot of charitable work in water

main extensions. When the petition came in for Woburn street extension, parties came to us but we could not recommend it. They had their chance then to present to the people of Andover, which they did; they petitioned to the town through the warrant and they got the water. Now that was a case where we did not recommend, and they have a right to do that.

(Moderator calls Mr. Rhodes to order.)

Moderator: Nobody is attacking the board of public works.

Mr. Rhodes: The finance committee has said it ought to go through the board of public works, and I am replying to that statement.

Mr. Rogers: I think myself it will be well if the board can take this into consideration and next year come in with a statement as to the cost, etc.

Mr. Trautman: It seems to me that Brother Rhodes may be charitable but this is justice for those people who live up there and need the water. I don't think anything about it, but it is 52 weeks before the water will get water again and they need this water. You men go around and get collections for the Red Cross to provide for the good health of the town, and you sit right here and allow a citizen to be deprived of water for two years. The board of public works ought to know how much it would cost to put that in there.

Voted taken on motion to refer matter to board of public works.

In favor of referring to board of public works, 99. Against referring to board of public works, 162.

Mr. Trautman: I move we adopt the article as written.

Mr. Frost: There is not one privilege that I have in Andover, water, or sewer, or any other privilege that I would not pay for. I have in my pocket and pay every dollar of tax required for those things, for everybody else. The first meeting I came to here ten years ago I remember the first motion that I heard was that the law or town ordinance whereby we were to get 4% income from all the water mains be rescinded (you have to rap me to order). I demand a hearing. This report I am speaking about costs so much per page every year to have it printed, and I think the Moderator ought to think about what I am saying.

Moderator: I think you were attributing a motive to a fellow citizen who has done very honest, hard and disinterested work, which I did not think was a fair imputation. I am entirely satisfied to let that rest with the audience here.

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As to the development, you can't change the square of Andover. You would be better off to be working on something else.

Mr. Rhodes: I move that the report be accepted, but the recommendations not be adopted.

Mr. Frost: I beg the pardon of the people that I am making myself so conspicuous. Two years ago we listened for half an hour to a program for a civic center idea which was in my judgment exceedingly fine. It had only one lack, we could hardly be expected to pay for it. Now here comes a committee two years later and says, "I demand in their report that original plan. Now supposing we had tied ourselves up to that idea at that time and we had obligated ourselves to \$2,000,000 and then that very committee who favored this thing came forward now in condemning it, how can we know but what if they thought on the matter a little longer and spent eight or nine hundred dollars more and we never put it to rest, they would have been right. They tell us that this meets not only an aesthetic idea but that it meets a very crying need. We all must believe our convictions. Does anyone doubt that? They tell us there are 400,000 votes that we need to do something for, on account of relieving congestion. And yet they say here is a crying need. All right, it will have to be done anyway. Let us do it and let us tie it up as a memorial to our dear boys. There is about as much relationship in my mind, ladies and gentlemen, between a dedication to our soldier boys and the meeting of a crying need, as there is between the building of the Panama Canal and a monument that we might put, over on the square. Why tie these things up? Is there a man or woman with any red blood in him who does not feel gratitude for our boys that went to the war? Do they want this? I will be willing to pay in proportion to my income and we can raise a splendid memorial, if the boys will say what they want, but to bring this up on the ground of relieving congestion, I say it is almost an insult to the intelligence. It has been pointed out in an article in one of our Townsman that they plan to scrap 25 houses or more. They don't ask where you are going, and they will buy you out for 25 cents a foot and you can't buy them for \$60.00 a foot. It is one of the greatest and schemes that was ever put up. It is like this Inter-City Trust, who sent three or four men out to get me, and we took a hack or an auto and went to a hotel to dinner, and it was a wonderful occasion, but they did not get me to invest. And this committee has put it all over them.

Mr. Rhodes: The first war memorial committee gave us a real dream picture, but here we have a nightmare. The first memorial was an embodiment of centralization and efficiency. This is chaos, a bunch of mutilated triangles. To me it looks ugly. They have pointed out that the library goes up to the public school. I don't think that is any improvement on our location today. They keep the town hall in its present location, and in the rear of town hall on the east side of Bartlett street they suggest the post office, the fire department and the police department. They have the post office well protected. Then they plan an auditorium which faces Park street. Then again in the rear of Free church this plan proposes a public building facing up Bartlett street and the Free church is flanked with buildings for fraternal and social purposes. This looks like a piece of irony—what have they got to do with the Free church? Park street is blocked from being extended to Upland road and opening up that beautiful property, and yet they say they were frightened. The other scheme that was first suggested did not jeopardize the rights of these school children, but this involves the danger of putting our school children under the wheels of the juggernaut that travel down streets. Elm square with its nine highways and byways is a real menace to the travelling public. This scheme creates another condition very similar and only about 500 feet away from another square where seven highways bearing traffic into it. Do you believe there is a city or town in the United States that has got so many byways and highways within a few acres as that plan proposes? It seems to me that the committee thought the main object it was desired to accomplish was the addition to highways and spaces. I think they thought more of this highway condition than they did of the memorial, which is only one spot in the whole plan. As to the business expansion, I believe this plan which they intend to develop is already occupied by business. What will they do with those businesses that are there? They will probably put the

danger and that it was all dedicated to their memory.

On account of the large expenditures which the town must make this year for urgent needs, no appropriation for starting upon this plan is now advised but the committee recommend the approval of this general line of development and the further working out of all details so that it can be begun when expenditures for such purposes can be made. Therefore on behalf of the committee, I move:

That the report of the committee be accepted and that it is the sense of this meeting.

1st: That the Town approve the plan of development proposed between Main, Florence, Chestnut and Elm streets with the erection of a distinct memorial on the most appropriate site, the form of which will be determined later.

2nd: That a committee be appointed to work out the best method of putting the plan into effect gradually; to petition the Legislature for any powers the town may need to act definitely; to present an estimate of the cost to carry out the plan, but with no power to obligate the town to spend money; to suggest the specific form of the distinct memorial when the main features of the development are established; and to make such further recommendations as may be found desirable on the other lines of street development suggested in the report.

Mr. Trautman: There is no man in the town of Andover a greater American than I am myself. My friend on the right here seems to think these soldier boys want this thing, but none of them have spoken one word. This report that you hold in your hand costs so much a page to get printed every year, and my friend French has an extra one printed so it looks like a French memorial instead of a war memorial.

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Mr. Frost: I beg the pardon of the people that I am making myself so conspicuous. Two years ago we listened for half an hour to a program for a civic center idea which was in my judgment exceedingly fine. It had only one lack, we could hardly be expected to pay for it. Now here comes a committee two years later and says, "I demand in their report that original plan. Now supposing we had tied ourselves up to that idea at that time and we had obligated ourselves to \$2,000,000 and then that very committee who favored this thing came forward now in condemning it, how can we know but what if they thought on the matter a little longer and spent eight or nine hundred dollars more and we never put it to rest, they would have been right. They tell us that this meets not only an aesthetic idea but that it meets a very crying need. We all must believe our convictions. Does anyone doubt that? They tell us there are 400,000 votes that we need to do something for, on account of relieving congestion. And yet they say here is a crying need. All right, it will have to be done anyway. Let us do it and let us tie it up as a memorial to our dear boys. There is about as much relationship in my mind, ladies and gentlemen, between a dedication to our soldier boys and the meeting of a crying need, as there is between the building of the Panama Canal and a monument that we might put, over on the square. Why tie these things up? Is there a man or woman with any red blood in him who does not feel gratitude for our boys that went to the war? Do they want this? I will be willing to pay in proportion to my income and we can raise a splendid memorial, if the boys will say what they want, but to bring this up on the ground of relieving congestion, I say it is almost an insult to the intelligence. It has been pointed out in an article in one of our Townsman that they plan to scrap 25 houses or more. They don't ask where you are going, and they will buy you out for 25 cents a foot and you can't buy them for \$60.00 a foot. It is one of the greatest and schemes that was ever put up. It is like this Inter-City Trust, who sent three or four men out to get me, and we took a hack or an auto and went to a hotel to dinner, and it was a wonderful occasion, but they did not get me to invest. And this committee has put it all over them.

Mr. Rhodes: The first war memorial committee gave us a real dream picture, but here we have a nightmare. The first memorial was an embodiment of centralization and efficiency. This is chaos, a bunch of mutilated triangles. To me it looks ugly. They have pointed out that the library goes up to the public school. I don't think that is any improvement on our location today. They keep the town hall in its present location, and in the rear of town hall on the east side of Bartlett street they suggest the post office, the fire department and the police department. They have the post office well protected. Then they plan an auditorium which faces Park street. Then again in the rear of Free church this plan proposes a public building facing up Bartlett street and the Free church is flanked with buildings for fraternal and social purposes. This looks like a piece of irony—what have they got to do with the Free church? Park street is blocked from being extended to Upland road and opening up that beautiful property, and yet they say they were frightened. The other scheme that was first suggested did not jeopardize the rights of these school children, but this involves the danger of putting our school children under the wheels of the juggernaut that travel down streets. Elm square with its nine highways and byways is a real menace to the travelling public. This scheme creates another condition very similar and only about 500 feet away from another square where seven highways bearing traffic into it. Do you believe there is a city or town in the United States that has got so many byways and highways within a few acres as that plan proposes? It seems to me that the committee thought the main object it was desired to accomplish was the addition to highways and spaces. I think they thought more of this highway condition than they did of the memorial, which is only one spot in the whole plan. As to the business expansion, I believe this plan which they intend to develop is already occupied by business. What will they do with those businesses that are there? They will probably put the

garages on School street and probably two on Abbott street, and the blacksmith on Morton street or Bartlett street, and then some other stuff on Wolcott avenue, and something on Lowell street and then the committee will dispose of all their business. This business is essential to the town of Andover, they are a necessity. We all know the feeling when one of the garages went up on Main street. We can imagine the commotion there will be when we shove that stuff up on those other streets. We ought to get down to brass tacks as our late John N. Cole used to say, and do something for our men immediately. Do it now lest we forget that we are grateful or have ever been grateful. We all know that public gratitude is fickle and ephemeral and has to be stimulated in order that it shall not wither and die. It does not make any difference what service our public officials render, they all get the same recognition: nine days of eulogy and then they are forgotten. In this case we may go to work and try to transform the whole town, or we may think of putting up a shaft for them. I think that one of the most beautiful spots in Andover for a memorial is our park, and it has got no name. We could erect a memorial that will be a suitable, imposing, unique in structure and content in purpose, where we can eliminate our commercialism and civil activities and traffic problems. That is my idea, and I hope you will get that stuff out of your heads and put something decent in. A memorial in the park may be something so grand that it will show our posterity our gratitude, our reverence and adoration for our soldiers, something that will be an inspiration to our children, and for our nobler patriotism, a memorial that will never fail to express and move posterity to feel that there stands a token of the greatest service that man can render to man—self sacrifice.

John F. O'Connell: No one enjoys more than I do the speech of the late chairman of the board of public works—his swan song.

Mr. Rogers: He is still chairman.

Mr. O'Connell: I stand corrected, the chairman for the moment. But of course it is a difficult task for any man or group of men to work on a committee and answer ridicule on a proposition. Considerable time was given to this plan and we have come to the conclusion that it is not with any particular private opinion in this plan, but to submit it to you, and if in your judgment it seems wise, then of course it is up to you to decide what you shall do, whether you will continue this committee or some more productive committee, or forget the war memorial at present. The memorial you would adopt for the boys a few years ago was not the one that would have been adopted on the morning of the armistice. The flamboyant waving of flags never fails to get a response. This second committee is a survival of the previous one. The original plan as brought in by Mr. Cole (who is glorified at this moment) was ridiculed at that time and was voted down, but now you think it would have paid for itself. Ask some of the men who have studied that and see what they say. To review some of the things Mr. French has said, it is our plan at present to continue Bartlett street in the form of a V so that one side would come out at Elm street and the other at High street. We feel that the town is just about at the point where it cannot further continue down Essex street. That is no disparagement of the study of the committee, for they will all agree that it is a difficult place to be in. We cannot draw attention to the possibility of opening up a new town center without logical development of business, but we recommend a drawing away from the present tendency to get into the area near Park street indicated on the map. In that point we marked out the site for a memorial. There are several other extensions to it, which would need considerable more study, particularly developing Whittier street and back of the schools to take care of traffic eventually, not now, and also a possibility of building a parkway. But as far as I can see the motion before you is simply the extension of the study of the committee, and we feel that after further study by this or some other committee a more definite plan can be worked up. With that in view we ask you to give it careful consideration.

Mr. Burns: I want it distinctly understood that I am in favor of a war memorial to the soldiers in some form, but I don't think that the present plan suggested is quite in keeping with a war memorial. I heartily disapprove of any ridicule or attempt at ridicule of this committee. I think they have worked hard and given it a great deal of thought and study, even though they may have missed the whole purpose of what the committee was created for. I understand they were asked to bring in a report on a war memorial, and one of the speakers has said that this is an attempt at a civilian planning proposition with an incidental arrangement of guiding the traffic. I don't think we have quite come to that urgent necessity of shifting the business over on this so-called triangular strip. There are many objections to the planning as presented. The committee says that it will cost \$120,400 to take the land by eminent domain, which is an assessed valuation of the property embraced in that plan. Now it is said to say the assessed valuation in the town of Andover is nowhere near the market value, and I think if we multiply that figure of \$120,000 by three, we probably have nearer the market value of that property. The people who own that property are entitled to a trial by jury, to have the jury assess the damages on their property, and it is safe to say that it would cost the town probably a quarter of a million to take that land and to take care of these new buildings that this committee suggested. We take away taxable property, which brings into the town treasury the sum of \$3500 or \$4000, and we propose to place there instead of taxable property which looks to me, if this plan is carried out, would be tax-exempt property. It has been said about Bartlett street that it will be a main line artery to relieve the congestion on Main street. We chose the site at Shawheen because it was far from the main thoroughfares, it was away from the traffic. If we adopt this we are reversing ourselves, and according to street where the schoolhouses are and where probably most of our school children go four times a day, and it seems to me it would be a great mistake for us to accept that plan because of these reasons that I have suggested. I am heartily in favor of a memorial of some kind, but I don't think the town of Andover is ready yet to accept these recommendations, unless if we once accept them we are making a beginning that we will have to go through with later on. It seems to me that the report should be accepted, and a vote of thanks extended to those on the committee for their work, but I do think that the recommendations should not be adopted.

Mr. Trautman: I think we are spending too much time on this. At the last meeting we heard the same stuff for three quarters of an hour, and it will be the same until we go to the cemetery. Their method and their procedure does not seem honest to me.

I am expressing my opinion. Brother Rhodes has suggested a shaft in our public park. This ought to be done by public subscription and we would all have an opportunity of building it without being built by the town. We could say that the town gave us a site to build a war memorial on our public park.

Moderator: (Reads from March 1921 records.)

That a committee of seven citizens be appointed to consider plans for the taking of a suitable site to provide for the construction of a memorial to be so located as to possibly form a part of a civic center with such further additions and improvements as may be hereafter approved by the vote of the town.

That said committee shall be authorized to present at the next annual town meeting the result of its studies, together with definite recommendations for financing all or a part of the completed plan.

This shows that a town war memorial was contemplated at that time, and that the committee was appointed to consider plans for a civic center, of which the memorial should be a part.

Mr. French: I would like to just answer one or two points that have been raised. In regard to Mr. Frost's statement that he does not believe in the idea of making a general development necessary for the war memorial, I would say that that is a question that is now being considered in many places. Some people feel that the best memorial is some practical thing, like a building, a boulevard with trees, and other like specific practical things. On the other hand there is a considerable growth of feeling that the memorial itself had better be an absolutely distinct thing that has no other purpose than as a memorial. It did seem that an improvement fitting the whole condition, public, business, community and social life of Andover in a favorable way for the good of the generations to come was in itself an idea sufficiently worthy so that the whole plan itself might very properly be known as the Andover War Memorial. But to answer exactly such a point as Mr. Frost raised, and to meet both sides of the question, we did suggest and do suggest that in the space so well made by this lay-out a distinct memorial of the most appropriate and enduring type should be erected, and we have suggested further that that should be provided by the subscriptions of the citizens and not from the tax levy.

Both questions have been considered by the committee and the plan provides perfectly for either idea. I am very glad to have the town reminded that we did not exceed our authority. We were given the absolute duty of fixing a site for a memorial, plus the problem of making that site fit a possible

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TOWN MEETING

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civic center, and if we had done less in principle than we did do, we would not have carried out the instructions. We have not exceeded our duty.

One further point, Mr. Rhodes has made some interesting statements. I am very glad that he rose as he went on from the point of ridicule to the higher standards with which he closed. This subject is worthy of something better than ridicule, and I hope the town will look at it from that broader standpoint. We don't need to agree, but we should consider it in a fair, earnest light and with the appreciation that this committee has endeavored to visualize the needs of Andover in future years, so as to keep Andover distinctive, a town better than many towns, with its beauties preserved, not marred, and added to as we grow. I only wish there was time to outline what other progressive communities have done. They have appointed committees like this, instructed to look into the future plans, and they have not stopped at some idea with vision. Such communities are laying out their growth in such a way that as it goes along each step will fit into a well conceived plan to the end that finally a thoroughly good development will result, and not that cheap, thoughtless, unfortunate, often ugly hodge-podge which so often grows up in our American communities in our haste and commercialism. Like Topsy, they just grow. We are making a plea for a broader view, that Andover look into the future and plan for it. Certainly such a view is not visionary, certainly it is not extravagant in the long run from the purely commercial side, for it would pay Andover in the end. This plan should be considered at this time before the opportunity to take a real progressive step is lost for this town.

I think I have covered the important points which have been raised. It is not vital that this matter should be settled at this time. We have heard what Mr. Rhodes told us about how we should do something for the boys who served; we all want to do it, but let us think a moment. The nation that gave more of life and everything in this struggle than any other people in the world, themselves asked that ten years delay be made before memorials are erected, and they do that so that when the thing is done it will be done with thoughtfulness and with due appreciation of the real needs of the situation. This committee has not suggested a visionary thing, and the subject seems worthy of the time the town has given to it. I hope that in some way, if action cannot now be taken favorably, the further consideration of this thing may go on. The committee members have had considerable information given to them today as to the attitude of the town, and it is very clear that some further light is necessary to convince many of our associates of what is good, but I hope we will not take a backward step and let the matter drop. If we cannot agree today, we can at least continue to study so that when we do move a thoroughly worthy step will be taken.

Perley Gilbert: I think this needs a real analysis and study, and it will be discovered that they have brought in a really excellent plan. I can see in that great possibilities, and I can already see improvements that can be made in it. I can see the site for one of the most unique memorials that can be put up. I earnestly hope that the town will not turn down the idea which has been brought before us, but that they will give this committee the permission to develop the town's planning scheme which they have already presented.

Mr. Traynor: I want to correct a statement that was made that the French people gave more to the world than any one else. That is not so. The Americans gave more,

they gave them victory. I say praise your own and forget the others.

Mr. Frost: I would not in any way be misunderstood as ridiculing that committee. We thought that that memorial was as dead as Pharaoh is, but we find that it is not dead, that we have a committee that is alive and working, and they have done splendid work, which I would be sorry to have ridiculed. What I contend is that that memorial is one thing, and the civic center is another thing. I don't know enough about it to know whether the plan is good or not, but what I do know is this, instead of spending our money on that we ought to spend it on the things that we absolutely need. We need to spend money on the road near the Tyler Rubber factory. In the 16 years that I have been in Andover, I have never heard one man, woman or child lay emphasis on where the money is coming from. In five months I could lay out a scheme calling for \$3,000,000 and it would be a splendid scheme. I would like to have a road like that on Main street that would take millions, I would like to have these old buildings scrapped. You can't make the town too handsome to please me, but what I contend is that you can spend what is coming in but you can't spend any more.

Mr. Cheney: I have listened to the discussion and I gather there is a certain sentiment for a war memorial leaving aside a civic center. I would recommend that a committee's work be extended and that it be asked to bring a recommendation in for a war memorial that would leave aside the civic center proposition.

Dr. Conroy: I would ask for a ruling if that amendment to the amendment is in order.

Moderator: I have always allowed an amendment to an amendment, but I won't allow any more.

Mr. Conroy: You have a motion and an amendment and the amendment to the amendment is directly opposite to the subject as we were considering it before.

Moderator: The original proposition as coming from the committee contemplated the continuance of a similar committee, with the general approval of the outlined scheme already submitted by this committee. The first amendment said, we don't like their outlined scheme and we will let it go at that. It did not look any further. Now this amendment says to the committee, we will accept your report, that they all are gracious enough to do, we will continue you or another committee in charge of the same thing, but we are going to limit the field in which you can run. Instead of including town planning, civic centers, war memorials, we are going to limit you to the question of war memorial. I think these are reasonably germane so that we can keep them distinct in our minds.

Mr. Cheney's amendment that a committee be asked to bring in a recommendation for a distinct war memorial omitting any plan for a civic center was carried. The report of the committee was accepted, but their recommendations were not adopted.

Moderator: We are informed that the sum of money voted for interest under Article 3 is not enough. A motion to rescind the original vote is in order. (The vote was rescinded. A new motion for an appropriation of \$20,500 was made and the vote was carried.)

Article 15.—To see if the Town will deed back to the Boston and Maine Railroad a certain piece of land situated in Ballard Vale, deeded to the town from the said Boston and Maine Railroad September 16th, 1871 on the express condition that neither the land nor the building thereon be used for any other purpose than housing fire apparatus, on petition of the Selectmen.

Mr. Traynor: If it was not done, what harm would it do the town or what injury

to the Boston & Maine Railroad?

Moderator: They may want to put something on it.

Mr. Donald: The land was given for a special purpose and makes a jog in a piece of land which they own. It is now all fenced in as one lot.

(It was voted to deed the land back to the Boston & Maine Railroad.)

Article 16.—To determine the method of collecting the taxes for the ensuing year.

(It was voted to collect them as in previous years.)

Article 17.—To authorize the Town Treasurer to hire money for the use of the town in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year, with the approval of the Selectmen.

(It was so voted.)

Article 18.—To determine what disposition shall be made of unexpended appropriations.

(It was voted to turn back into the treasury all unexpended appropriations with the exception of General fund, water loan, special sewer survey, Main street loan, North Main street appropriation and soldiers memorial committee as enumerated in the treasurer's report.

Article 19.—To act upon the report of the Town Officers.

(It was voted to accept the report of the town officers.)

Article 20.—To determine the amount of money to be raised by taxation the ensuing year.

(It was voted to raise \$353,000 and an amount sufficient to meet the State and County taxes after deducting receipts from the State Income tax.)

Article 21.—To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Mr. Rogers: I would suggest that when the assessor issues a report the word "private" be added to all streets which have never been accepted by the town.

Mr. McBride: I would like to make the suggestion that in the future the various departments of the town render an itemized account of the receipts and expenditures for the year.

Mr. Higgins: I am the guilty one in having the Petunia tavern. "The town isn't as lively just now as it might be. You see, at present the Coue cruise is raging here, and it seems like our folks can't get up much interest in anything else. No use to attempt to buy, sell or favor, or ask a direction or expect a favor, for the party you speak to is pretty sure to be muttering, 'Every day, in every way, I am growing better and better,' and walling his eyes at vacancy as he does so.

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SHAWSHEEN BOWLING

Harrison-Callahan Team Wins Match By 140 Pins. Enmore Street Five Defeat Scotch Terrors

Hector Keith and Paul Ouellette met John Harrison Jr. and Joseph Callahan at the Transfer alleys, Lawrence, Wednesday night and rolled off the first of their 20-string match. The former were defeated by 98 pins.

The final ten strings were rolled off on the Shawsheen alleys. The Harrison-Callahan team added 72 pins to their total winning the match by 140 pins.

Tom Kemp's Enmore Street Five tackled another defeat on the Scotch Terrors from Argyle street. In a recent match the Enmore street team won by four pins and a return match was unavoidable but the Terrors were again humbled. The Enmore street five will roll the victors next Monday night at 7:30. Renny was high with 100 and 281. Ralph Curtin was high for the winners with 93 and 270. The scores:

ENMORE STREET				
Kemp	76	84	91	251
Parsons	92	91	83	266
March	90	90	88	268
Phillips	88	84	94	266
Curtin	93	92	85	270
Totals	439	440	438	1318

SCOTCH TERRORS				
Kinard	81	87	80	248
Nelson	69	81	95	245
Walker	86	92	74	252
Gordon	91	86	84	261
Renny	94	87	100	281
Totals	421	433	441	1269

Cafeteria Five Wins

The Cafeteria Five took a fall out of the Spa Five Tuesday night, winning all three strings. Ed Topping was high for the victors with 106 and 285. McCarthy was high for the Spa Five with 279. The Cafeteria Five will roll the strong Loring Street Five Thursday night, in a special match. The scores:

CAFETERIA FIVE				
W. Bell	92	90	85	267
Perrault	106	84	97	283
Topping	106	85	94	285
Sapier	96	97	86	279
A. Bell	104	91	84	279
Totals	490	447	446	1383

SPA FIVE				
Jowett	83	84	79	246
Jennings	83	81	92	256
Brickault	84	81	76	241
Daley	84	84	94	262
McCarthy	91	91	97	279
Totals	424	421	445	1290

Girls Threaten "Rep" of Young Men as Bowlers

The Y. W. C. A. bowling team threw a scare into the Shawsheen Young Men's team Monday night, at the local alleys when they won the last two strings of their match. The winners took the first string by 25 pins, but the girls came back strong in the second and won out by 14 pins. They won out in the final string also, by the narrow margin of five pins and seven pins short of a win.

The girls presented a very formidable lineup and were out to score a win over the opposite sex and came very near doing so.

Perrault was high for the winners with 100 to 281. Mary Riley hit 95 for a single and Katherine Creighton rolled high triple with 268. The scores:

Y. W. C. A.				
E. Doherty	90	86	89	265
K. Meahan	80	75	83	238
K. Creighton	88	89	91	268
M. Riley	95	80	80	255
M. Harrison	85	89	89	263
Totals	438	419	432	1289

S. Y. M.				
E. Topping	95	83	86	264
W. Bell	89	80	80	249
D. Perrault	99	82	100	281
F. McKay	91	80	80	251
A. Bell	89	80	81	250
Totals	463	405	427	1295

American Woolen Company Bowling Match

Next Monday evening a preliminary bowling match will be started at the Shawsheen alleys, between teams from the Ayer, Washington, Prospect, and Shawsheen mills. A cup has been offered by the department of labor of the American Woolen company. Further details of the contest will be given in next week's issue.

TAKING IT TOO SERIOUSLY

Landlord Could Not Help But Think Citizens of Petunia Were Overdoing Their "Coue."

"Well, no," admitted the landlord of the Petunia tavern. "The town isn't as lively just now as it might be. You see, at present the Coue cruise is raging here, and it seems like our folks can't get up much interest in anything else. No use to attempt to buy, sell or favor, or ask a direction or expect a favor, for the party you speak to is pretty sure to be muttering, 'Every day, in every way, I am growing better and better,' and walling his eyes at vacancy as he does so.

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PERSONALS

Edgar Topping of Corbett road has purchased a touring car.

Grace Harrison has accepted a position in the Shawsheen mills.

George H. Winslow is in New York City for a few days on business.

Maude Hollinghurst of Dumbarton street, has recovered from an illness.

Mrs. Thomas Gadsby has resumed her duties at the Shawsheen mills after an illness.

Joseph Traynor has resumed his duties at the Shawsheen Brush factory after a vacation.

Mrs. Edith Howard and daughter, Clarice, visited with friends in Providence R. I., over the week-end.

Michael Messenti of Poore street has severed his connections with the Turner Construction Co.

Frank H. Hardy is attending a convention of Brush Manufacturers which is being held in Atlantic City this week.

Arthur Bell of North Main street, saw "Hello Everybody" at the Majestic theatre, Boston, during the past week.

Orrin Whitney, assistant manager at the Shawsheen Manor, among the many speakers were several representatives of the largest Automotive equipment jobbers in New England.

Archie Mayo is now working in the shipping department of the Shawsheen mills, having severed his connection with the market.

Fred McKay of Dumbarton street and Donat Perrault of Corbett road, saw the "Perfect Fool" at the Colonial theatre, Boston, recently.

Howard Dunnells, who has been confined at the Chelsea Naval hospital, spent the past few days at the home of his parents on Sutherland street.

William McKay of Dumbarton street, who was operated on at the Barr Sanatorium, Methuen, recently is now at his home. He is improving slowly.

Mabel Walker of North Main street, and Ethelyn Howard of Carlisle street, saw "Lightnin'" at the Hollis street theatre Boston, Saturday.

Among those from the Village who have been to the Boston Auto show this week are: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon, Joseph Beaulieu, Donald W. Carter, H. Garrison Holt, Henry Hart, George Murray, John Holmud and George Teal.

Sunday School Teachers' Association

The Sunday school teachers held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 13. Plans were made to hold a pageant on Easter Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This service which will take the place of the evening meeting is in charge of Mrs. Hubert Mayo and Miss Isabel Peters.

Current Events Class

The next meeting of the Current Events class will be held next Tuesday afternoon, March 20, at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. George M. Wallace. It is hoped that others beside the regular members of this class will be present. Mrs. Lefevre is very interesting in her presentation of important world events.

Automatic Steering Gear.

The first American passenger ship to be equipped with automatic steering gear, recently completed a successful return voyage to the West Indies, under the guidance of this apparatus. The instrument, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, consists of a gyroscopic compass arranged to open and close an electric circuit controlling the stopping and starting of the rudder-operating mechanism. The instrument is capable of being set for response to different amounts of deviation from course, one case being noted where the departure from the true course was set as close as one-sixth of a degree.

Ptolemy Speaks From the Past.

At Thebes, the ancient capital of upper Egypt, archaeologists from Pennsylvania university have found domestic, or common language, papyrus that fill a gap in history from B. C. 300 to 240. This period includes the reign of Ptolemy Philadelphus, who was so successful in levying heavy taxes with a minimum of injury and dissatisfaction. As the manuscripts deal mainly with financial affairs, our own Ptolemies may perhaps learn from them how to create in us a nation of cheerful givers.—Scientific American.

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NEWS NOTES

The next regular meeting of the O. B. Girl's club will be held with Miss Mabel Walker, No. Main street.

There will be a meeting of the Shawsheen A. A. Soccer football committee at the Manor next Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance will be transacted.

The employees of the Shawsheen market surprised Archie Mayo at his home on Lowell street, last Thursday evening and presented him with a fountain pen. A fine supper as well as a good social time was enjoyed.

The Shawsheen garage has fitted up a large room on the Riverina floor exclusively for work on batteries. They are now fully equipped and ready to charge, repair or build up complete batteries. They also can make up batteries for Radio service.

The Shawsheen Village Bowling Green club met in the Boy's club house last Tuesday evening and talked over plans for the coming season. Many fine bowlers have signified their intention of joining the club and a very successful season is anticipated.

After the Auto show in Lawrence, Thursday evening, thirty-five dealers in automobile accessories from Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill enjoyed a very fine banquet at the Shawsheen Manor. Among the many speakers were several representatives of the largest Automotive equipment jobbers in New England.

Club Plans Dance

At the last meeting of the Shawsheen Girls' club it was decided to hold a dancing party in Balmoral hall, on Wednesday evening, April 4.

Weldon's five-piece orchestra has been secured and a jolly time is assured. The committee in charge of the affair: Chairman, President Emma Holt; Sally McKay, Helen A. Lewis, Marie Sirois, Elizabeth Frederickson.

Guests at Shawsheen Manor

Among the guests at the Shawsheen Manor during the past few days are the following: Robinson Swift, Boston; F. G. Robinson, Boston; H. S. Miller, New York City; Mrs. E. C. Williams, Williamamatic, Ct.; Leo Allen, Amherst; J. A. Warner, New York City; E. Curry, Boston; O. C. Schofield, Irvine, Pa.; W. F. Duffield, New York City; Mrs. Emma Tester, Miss Meta Diestel, and Mr. Keller all of Newark, N. J.

Washington Mill Employees hold Banquet

Last evening a number of employees of the Washington Mills held a banquet and entertainment at the Shawsheen restaurant. After the festivities, the gathering adjourned to the bowling alleys where picked teams engaged in an interesting match.

Poverty Ball Planned

A Poverty ball is to be held in Balmoral hall on Thursday, April 12, from 8 to 12 o'clock. Prizes are to be presented to those having the best make-up. Dwyer's orchestra is to furnish the music. This should prove to be a very enjoyable party, as it will be somewhat different from the more recent dances. Those in charge are Miss Alice Brady, Miss Ethelyn Howard and Miss Mabel Lakin.

Community Services

Rev. Newman Matthews was the speaker at the community service in Post Office hall last Sunday evening. F. W. H. Stott, the lay reader at Christ church read the service. The soloist was Mrs. Lillian Carmichael accompanied by Miss Isabel Peters.

At the meeting next Sunday evening Rev. C. W. Henry will be the speaker. A meeting of the executive committee will be held after the service.

Services begin at 7:30 o'clock and the Sunday-school meets as usual at 9:30 in the morning.

Supporting piers are now being made of paper in California. These piers are not subject to attack by the teredo. They are 60 feet in length and from 18 to 30 inches in diameter. A square steel cap is fitted over the top to receive the shocks of the pile-driver.

Ninety per cent of 753 farmers, who replied to a questionnaire in the eastern states, consider time saved to be the greatest advantage received from the use of motor trucks. Nearly one-fourth of these farmers are now selling at better markets than before they had motor trucks.

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OPEN UP BUILDING SITES

Attractive Houses in Process of Construction on Area Opened Up by William St. Extension

The extension of William street over the old Frye farm land and the building of streets intersecting it at various points will open up a great many building lots. In fact, this development will surpass anything yet undertaken in the village. The area is much greater than the old Town farm land, and many more lots will be available for building purposes. The houses which have already been erected are, in the main, of wooden frame, with brick veneer, which indicates that a more expensive type of house will be generally predominant throughout this new development.

Shawsheen Athletic Association Look for Successful Soccer Season

Plans which are being carried out by the committee of the Shawsheen A. A. Soccer football team, under the direction of George M. Wallace, president, indicate that Shawsheen Village is to be represented this coming season by one of the finest teams in the country.

The field is to be cleared for outside practice just as soon as the weather will permit. New training quarters in the basement of the Administration building are nearly ready for use. All necessary facilities will be available including shower baths.

Two full sets of uniforms have been imported from Scotland. They are a beautiful combination of black and gold.

To arouse interest and usher in the new season in a fitting manner the committee have arranged for a smoke talk and entertainment at the